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NATIONALISTS QUIT CHENG TU

Pai Seeks Passage Of Troops Through Indo-China REDS COOL TO LU HAN

Chengtu, capital of Szechuan Province, though not yet occupied by the Communists, has been abandoned by the Nationalist armies:

"All Goes Well In China," Vyshinsky Says

Lu Hsiang-shan, December 13.
Mr. Vyshinsky, Soviet Foreign Minister, said today "All goes well in China. We are pretty certain that Mao Tse-tung's China will be recognized by everybody. This is necessary and desirable."

Mr. Vyshinsky, amiable and smiling, had just landed from the liner America on his way back to Moscow from the United Nations Assembly in New York.

Asked by a correspondent whether it was true that "Russia contemplates using atomic energy to fertilize desert regions by blasting mountains," Mr. Vyshinsky said: "I can but repeat the Tass agency statements. The atomic bomb could happily change economic geography and fertile regions."—Reuter.

Chifley's Government Resigns

Canberra, December 13.
Eight years of Labour rule in Australia formally came to an end today when Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, the defeated Labour Prime Minister, handed in the resignation of his Government to the Governor-General, Mr. W. J. McKell.

He posed for Press photographers at Government House in Yarralumla, a few miles outside Canberra, before going to the Governor-General's study. Mr. McKell was expected to ask him to carry on until the new Liberal-Country Party Coalition is sworn in.

The latest count of the general election figures indicated that the Liberal-Country Party Coalition will have a majority of more than 31 over Labour in Parliament.

With two seats in doubt, the Coalition parties have 78 seats and Labour 44.

Holland Sworn In

Meanwhile, Associated Press reports in a despatch from Auckland, that Mr. Sidney Holland, leader of the National Party whose election victory ended New Zealand's 14-year-old Labour Government rule, was sworn in today as the new Prime Minister of New Zealand.

With Mr. Holland was his entire new Cabinet, which also was sworn in at the ceremonies presided over by Governor-General Sir Bernard Freyberg.

Mr. Holland succeeds the Labourite Mr. Peter Fraser—Reuter and Associated Press.

The Weather

At 6000 GMT (4 p.m. HKST) the typhoon centred about 60 miles N. of Hanoi has moved and is moving 120E or NE at 15 knots and is accelerating. A small depression over SW Japan is moving Eastwards, and from it a trough extends SW to Central China. An anticyclone is centred over NW Japan with a ridge extending SE.

Today's Forecast—Light variable winds, cloudy with small amounts of drizzle or rain during the afternoon.

Yesterday's Weather—
Maximum 69.3 deg. F.
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Sunshine 2.7 hours.
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Average of 21.1 deg. F.
2058.6 mm. 22.4 deg. F.

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Wind Direction WNW 10 by 20
Wind Force 2 to 3
Tide—
High 11.00 5.1
Low 21.00 5.1

General Pai Chung-hsi, Commander-in-Chief of Central China, has arrived at Hanoi to negotiate for passage of some of his troops through French Indo-China.

General Lu Han, who has theoretically capitulated to the Communists has been ordered by the Communist leaders in Peking to take instructions from Communist General Liu Pochong.

These were yesterday's major developments in the complicated China situation, according to reports available in Hong Kong last night.

The vernacular evening newspaper, "New Life Evening Post," said that Mr. Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the People's Central Government, and General Chou En-lai, Premier and Foreign Minister, jointly replied to General Lu Han's proclamation of the "liberation" of Yunnan.

The reply, it added, contained five main points indicating a cold attitude towards General Lu Han.

The five points were said to be:

1. General Lu Han must take instructions from the Communist Government in Peking.

2. General Lu Han must make immediate preparations to welcome the Liberation Armies into Yunnan Province.

General Lu Han must prevent all reactionary elements from escaping and must take the necessary precautions against intrigues within the province.

4. The Independent Gendarmerie Division in Yunnan must be ordered to move North to attack Sikang (where the Nationalists have established their mainland guerrilla headquarters).

5. All property and assets belonging to reactionaries must be protected and not moved, pending orders for their disposal.

The "New Life Evening Post" added that this reply from the Communists was interpreted as their distrust of General Lu Han and refusal to deal with him directly.

Withdrawal From Chengtu

The leading vernacular "Wah Kiu Yat Po," in a message from Sichang, capital of Sikang, said that private reports from Chengtu stated that the Nationalist armies have abandoned the capital of Szechuan. Entry of the Communists is expected momentarily.

It added that firing in the Chengtu area has quieted down, and that the Nationalist armies have withdrawn across the border into Sikang Province.

Earlier reports had stated that the defence of the city has been left in the hands of the small Chengtu garrison with troops and police in control of the city.

Other vernacular reports said that the Communists are waiting for the Nationalist forces to clear out of the Chengtu area and are regrouping for an invasion of Sikang Province.

They added that the majority of Nationalist General Hu Tsung-nan's troops have already crossed the Szechuan border into Sikang.

In South China, more than 20,000 troops of General Pai Chung-hsi are reported to have been trapped by the Communists near the Indo-China border.

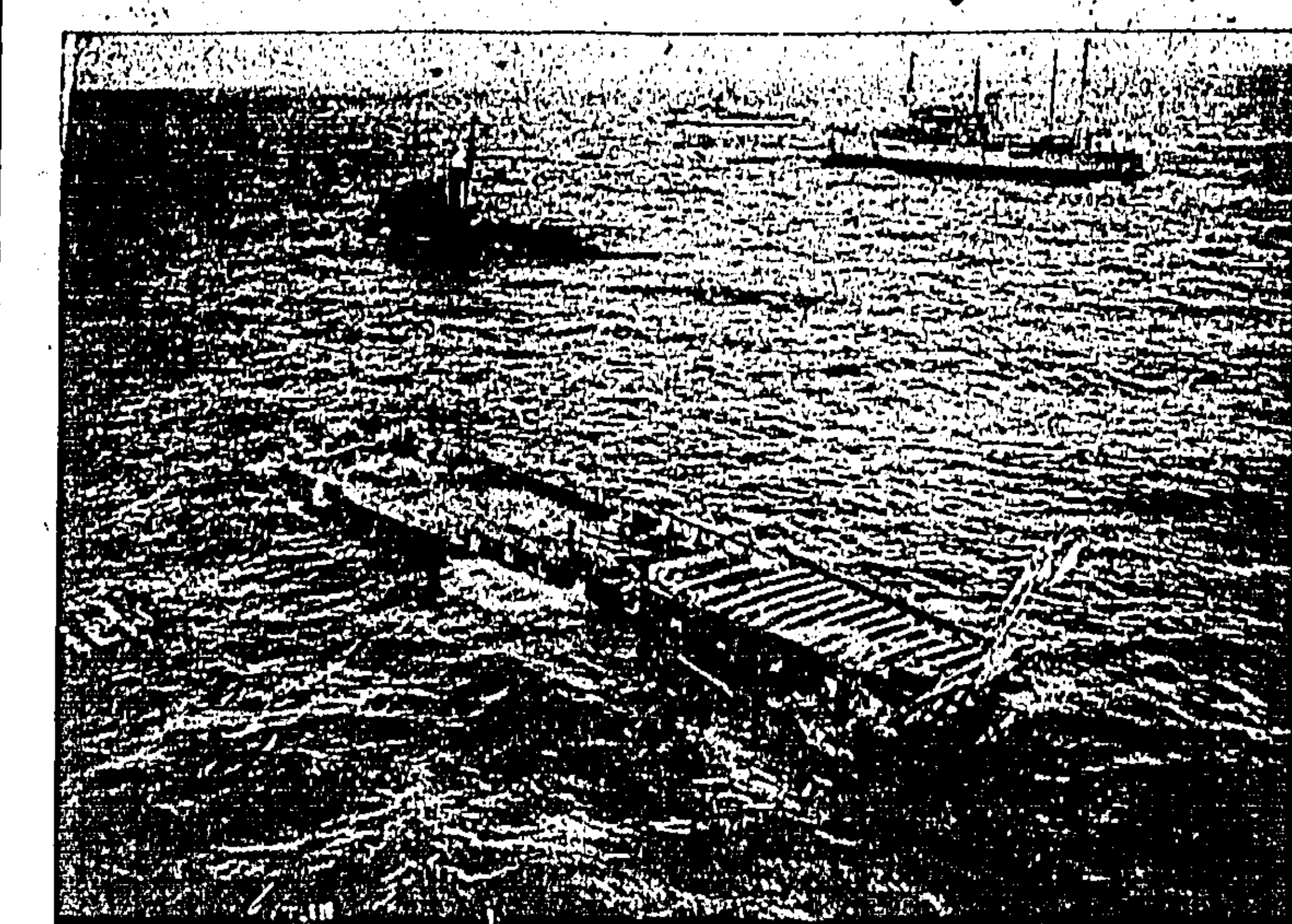
General Pai flew to Hanoi on Monday and is at present negotiating for passage of his troops through French Indo-China to Hainan Island, from which the Chinese had previously declared that any Nationalist troops crossing the border would be deemed in accordance with international law.

Contact With French

The French Press Agency yesterday quoted a well-informed source in Hanoi, Indo-China, as saying that small groups of Chinese troops bearing white flags have made contact with French authorities near the Chinese-Tonkin frontier, report Associated Press from Paris.

Government authorities recently announced that any Chinese troops entering Indo-China

Implacable Goes To Watery Grave



Now there is only one survivor of the famous Battle of Trafalgar. The old French wooden battleship Implacable was sunk off the Isle of Wight. That left her conqueror in the battle of 1805, the British ship Victory, afloat at Portsmouth. This picture shows the old warrior with her decks awash and debris floating round her as she settled to her grave after four holes were blown in her hull. From her masthead fly the Tricolour of France and the British White Ensign. She was captured by the English three weeks after the Battle of Trafalgar when Nelson, in the Victory, beat the French. For many years past the Implacable has been used as a training ship by the British Navy. Her top deck was removed before she was sunk. (AP Photo.)

Quirino Proclaimed Pl President In Stormy Session

Manila, December 13.
The Philippine Congress today proclaimed the election of Elpidio Quirino as President and Fernando Lopez as Vice President in a stormy session during which the minority charged the November election was fraudulent.

The House voted 53 to 8 for the resolution proclaiming the election of President Quirino and his Iloilo running mate for a four-year term beginning on December 30. A few moments later the Senate voted 13 to 6 for their proclamation—a necessary legal step before they took office.

The stately legislature building which was still under repair from wartime destruction was heavily guarded as the members of Congress met under tense conditions. Police, Constabulary and army men patrolled the capital with tommy-guns and machine-guns ready. There were no disturbances, however.

Admission to the inner chamber was by special pass only. All last-minute attempts by Nationalist Senators to block the proclamation of the Liberal Party victory failed because of last week's rapprochement between the Quirino and Avelino wings of the split Liberal Party.

The official vote given to Congress was 1,803,808 for Elpidio Quirino, 1,316,359 for Jose P. Avelino. The official Vice-Presidential vote was 1,741,284 for Fernando Lopez, 1,184,215 for Manuel Briones and 444,510 for Vicente Francisco.

Senator Camillo Ocas led the opposition in the Upper House during the debate on the resolution, lasting almost three hours. The session ran well into the afternoon and sandwiches were passed to the hungry Senators.

Nationalist leader Ocas charged President Quirino was elected through terrorism and fraud. He tried to block a vote through amendments, oratory and delaying tactics but was defeated at every turn.

"Wholesale Frauds"
The lone Liberal Party Senator supporting the minority was Senator Vicente Sotto who charged today's action was a matter of life or death, "for Philippine democracy."

Senator Sotto said: "This resolution, if approved, means that the constitutional representatives of the people sanction the terrorism and wholesale frauds committed in the last election."

He said the Quirino administration was a "new kind of Fascism" and cited the recent uprisings in Batangas and Jolo as evidence that the people might be incited to revolution.

As the final act before adjournment, the Senate voted 13 to 6 to lift Mr. Avelino's one-year suspension and then 18 to 5 to restore him to the Senate Presidency.

Mr. Quirino and Mr. Avelino, who ran a poor third in the presidential race, made peace last

Crew Of CAT Plane Held By Vietnamese

Missing since December 4, the crew of a CAT plane were reported yesterday to be safe but held by the Vietnamese authorities.

The Hanol, a CAT plane, in a message sent here, quoting the United States Consul there, Mr. William M. Gibson, said that it was certain that the crew is held by the Vietnamese authorities.

Mr. Gibson was said to have added that as far as he knew the crew to be well treated.

Captain James MacGovern, pilot of the plane, was reported to make a forced landing while on flight from Hong Kong to Kunming as his plane ran out of petrol.

Israel Moving Capital To Jerusalem

Tel Aviv, December 13.
The Israeli government, by a narrow majority today, decided to transfer the capital of Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, according to sources close to Parliament.

These sources said Premier David Ben-Gurion expected to introduce the resolution asking for the transfer when Parliament meets this afternoon.

The decision, it was reported, was reached after 48 hours of hot debate within Cabinet, Parliamentary circles and party gatherings.

Parliamentary sources said the transfer of functions would include the Cabinet, Parliament, key Government departments and the office of President Chaim Weizmann.

Informed sources said the "Jerusalem Bill" would proclaim an undivided Jerusalem and call for the immediate transfer of the major Government functions to the city which is occupied by Israeli and Arab troops.—Reuter, Israeli and Arab troops.—United Press.

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Pakistan Plane Crashes; 25 Believed Killed

Karachi, December 13.
All 21 passengers and crew of four were believed killed when a PAKAIR Dakota crashed 36 miles from here last night, a Civil Aviation Department official said today.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said that two Pakistan generals were on board the plane. He said the wreckage of the plane had been located in a ravine but the country was difficult and search parties had not yet reached the scene.

The plane, which was flying from Lahore to Karachi, crashed at Junjshahi. Some passengers were believed to be British and American.

The two Pakistan Generals were named as Major-General Itikhar Khan who was believed to be accompanied by his wife and daughter, and the newly appointed Brigadier General Sher Khan.

An Egyptian Embassy official said that Shafiq El Khatib, an Egyptian delegate to the Islamic Economic Conference and brother of the Embassy Counselor here, Mr. Hussain El Khatib, was believed to be among the passengers.

Major-General Mohammed Itikhar Khan was on his way to attend a course at the Imperial Defence College in Britain.

He was the first officer of the Pakistan Army to be selected for such a course.

Brigadier General Sher Khan was on his way to New York with his wife.

Two officials of the Ministry of Kashmir Affairs, Mohammed Naz, Under-Secretary, and Mr. Mush-taq Ahmad, Deputy Director of Public Relations, were also on board the plane.

A Turkish Embassy official said that one Turkish delegate to the Islamic Economic Conference was believed to be among the passengers.

Sofia Trial Defence (?) Counsel's Address

Sofia, December 13.
The defence counsel for former Deputy Premier Traicho Kostov turned against him today, called on Kostov to repent his "crime" and said all charges have been proved against him.

Kostov, 41, silent but alert as his attorney spent one hour and 15 minutes condemning his client Kostov and 10 others for treason.

The attorney, D. Dyukmed, one of Bulgaria's outstanding courtroom strategists, said he wished Kostov had been executed by the Royalist police when he was arrested in 1942. The attorney ignored Kostov's plea of innocence. On the first day of the trial Kostov denied he plotted to assassinate Georgi Dimitroff and overthrow the Bulgarian Communist regime with Yugoslav, British and United States help.

Dyukmed said there should be two more benches of defendants on trial—one to hold Yugoslavia's Tito and his aides and the other to hold the "aggressors to war"—the Anglo-Americans.

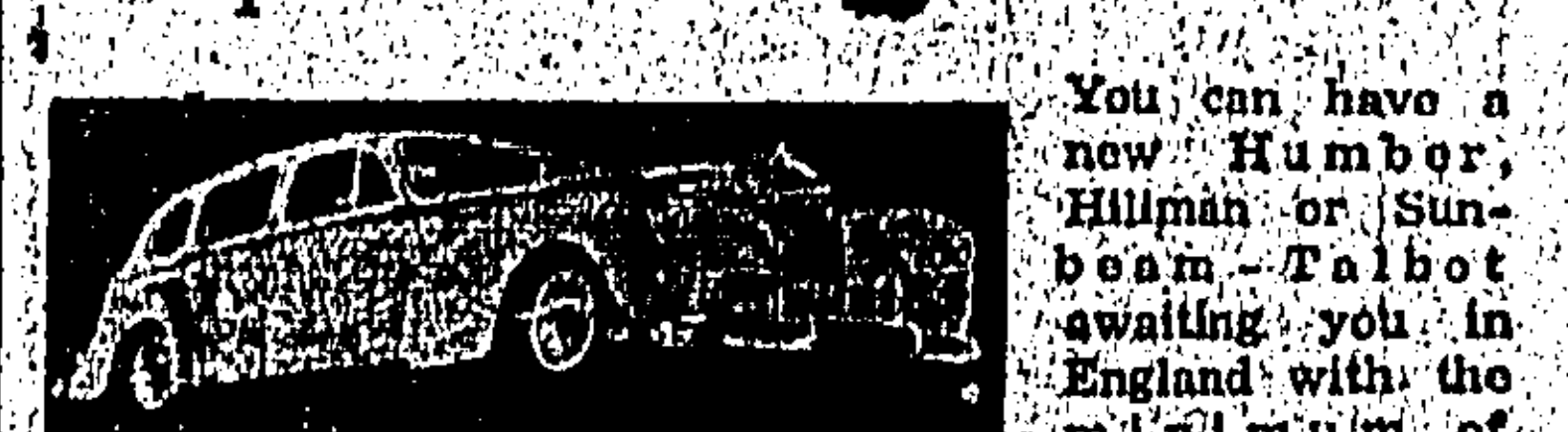
He said: "Today, the seventh day of this trial, we are faced with a horrible picture and in the middle is Kostov. Credit must be given indeed to the vigilance of our organs which revealed this conspiracy."—United Press.

The plot who sacrificed his own life in bringing the plane down to a wheel-up belly landing was W. J. Davis, 45. Hours after the crash his body was reported still pinned in the cockpit of the half-sunken plane with that of co-pilot L. L. Porter, 28. Apparently, only Davis' quick thinking and skillful piloting prevented a major tragedy.

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Boy's First Christmas in HK Marred By Tragedy

China's Foreign Minister Leaves Colony

The Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr. George Yeh, left Hong Kong for Taipei yesterday morning.

The Foreign Minister was in Hong Kong conferring with Nationalist authorities on the two defuncted Nationalist airlines.

The Chinese Ministry of Communications chartered a Hong Kong Airways plane for Mr. Yeh.

The political Vice-Minister, Mr. Hu Chin-yin, accompanied Mr. Yeh.

Reminders

Today

The H. meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8:30 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Dance Class, 2:30 p.m., Mah-jong classes, 7 p.m.

Hellies Public School, Prize Day, 11 a.m.

Cheers Services Club opening by the Governor, Murray Parade Ground, 6:15 p.m.

JK Schools Musical Association concert by the Sino-British Orchestra at Diocesan Boys' School.

Annual general meeting of Alice Memorial & Affiliated Hospitals, at Netherlands Hospital, Bonham Road, 5:15 p.m.

JK Art Club annual exhibition, St. John's Cathedral hall, 10 a.m. (admission free).

Yorkshire Society annual general meeting, Jacobson Room, 11K Hotel, 5:15 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, screening of film by courtesy of British Council at Peninsula Hotel, 12:30 p.m.

Y's Men Club luncheon, Roof JK Art Club, annual exhibition (Admission Free) at St. John's Cathedral hall, 10 a.m.

JK Chinese Products Seventh Annual Exhibition on site opposite Peninsula Hotel, official opening by Governor 4 p.m.

JK Amateur Radio Transmitting Society, annual general meeting, China Fleet Club theatre, 5:30 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Nathan Road, Kowloon, "Twenty Questions" programme at 8 p.m.

JK Women's International Club, Whist Drive for Services, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola for Forces, 8 p.m. Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Obituary

Mr. Kong Hon-San

Residents of the properties of Humphreys Estates will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Kong Hon-san, who served as the Company's Overseer for the last 20 years.

Mr. Kong will be specially known to the Europeans in May Road for his ready command of the English language. He was popular in that he was as eager to please as he was patient and tactful when he could not do so.

Born in the West Indies, he was educated both in America and in England. He was at one time connected with the Estate firm of Loke Yen in Malaya. He joined Humphreys Estates in 1930.

Mr. Kong is survived by his wife and two sons and a daughter. He will be interred in the Protestant Cemetery, Kowloon City.

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Three weeks ago at Sydney, 10-year-old Lance Rie, Australian-born Chinese of Bundarra, New South Wales, embarked on the 45, Taiping, all set for his first Christmas in Hong Kong. But half way in the Pacific early on December 8—two days before reaching his first foreign port, Manila—Mr. Fred Rie, his father who was accompanying him, died suddenly.

Yesterday when the Taiping berthed alongside Kowloon Wharf, young Lance sobbed out his tragic story in the comforting arms of his grandfather who saw one member of his daughter's family for the first time since she left for "Down Under" 15 years ago.

To the young Australian, the following few months, according to Grandpa's plans, will mean a heart-rending separation from his mother, two brothers and two sisters now at Bundarra; studying in a Hong Kong school with boys who speak more Chinese than English, and a "distant" Christmas this year.

When Lance left the Taiping yesterday, his sorrows were further deepened, for he said goodbye to Mrs. M. C. Hill, stewardess of the British liner, who took care of him after his father's sudden death.

Sino-British Club Literary Group

Miss Lisa Vincent, well-known singer, will address the Sino-British Club Literary Group on "The Production and the Art of Singing" tomorrow.

Miss Vincent studied for six years at the Sydney Conservatorium under Professor Roland Foster of London. She often sang for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation as well as with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and the Royal Philharmonic.

She took the contralto part in several operatic productions in Australia. Before coming to Hong Kong on holiday last year, Miss Vincent was a popular and successful teacher of voice production and singing in Sydney.

Miss Vincent will leave the Colony to fill a teaching appointment in a school in England, next year.

Her talk will be illustrated with songs and vocal exercise by herself and by a very talented pupil of hers from Diocesan Girls' School.

The talk will be given at the Club Lusitano, Ice House Street, at 5:45 p.m. by courtesy of the Club Committee. All members of the public will be welcome.

Worker Stabbed In Mahjong Argument

Because his fellow worker played a wrong card while engaged in a game of mahjong at 10 p.m. on December 12, a 19-year-old coolie employed by the PWD Waterworks Department, pulled out a penknife and stabbed him in the chest.

Yesterday Wong was found guilty of unlawfully wounding Au and ordered to pay \$25 compensation to the complainant by Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday.

Sub-Inspector C. Y. Chan said that Wong, 19, was found guilty of unlawfully wounding Au, who was playing mahjong in the Police Quarters at Polkham Reservoir Path on December 12. A quarrel arose after Au had played a wrong card causing Wong to lose money. Wong took out a penknife and stabbed Au in the chest. Au was admitted to hospital and was discharged on December 12.

Mrs. Hill, a mother of a grown-up son and a married daughter, kept Lance in her cabin, comforted him and became so attached to the young boy that a few drops of brine betrayed her emotions for her "protégé" when he disembarked.

A Good Boy

"Lance has been such a good boy that everybody on this ship has a kind word for him after the tragic incident. He is very intelligent and very well-mannered," genial Mrs. Hill said as she patted the weeping boy in her cabin.

"I feel so sorry to miss him. But I hope he will join us when he returns home," she added.

In between sobs, young Lance recalled the morning when he woke up to see his father dying in his bunk.

"I could not sleep very well. Father was sick. It was about two o'clock in the morning when I heard something and woke up to see Father sleeping against the wall (bulkhead), which was very funny," he said.

Lance ran out to call for the ship's doctor, who came to render assistance. Mr. Hill, who was known to his Chinese associates as Yit Lung, died that morning.

Mrs. Hill, who paid special attention to Mr. Rie when he became sick that day, said that he had complained of stomach ailment earlier, and did not eat.

The body was embalmed and was taken ashore yesterday.

"We belong to the Church of England," Lance said. Though plans for the burial in the Colony have not been decided yet, it is believed that the ceremony will be held at the Colonial Cemetery.

Lance's Problem

The greatest problem facing the young Australian, a Sixth Grade pupil of the Bundarra Public School, is how to get along with his relatives here, who speak more Chinese than English.

For Lance speaks only English and with that unmistakable Australian accent.

His grandpa, a businessman in Hong Kong, who has never seen any of his daughter's family since she left the Colony 15 years ago with her husband after their marriage.

"I am terribly sorry that this first meeting should be like this," English-speaking Mr. Fong Kay said.

"Lance will stay here for some time before I will send him back to join his family. I will try to put him into a local school in the meantime," Mr. Fong declared.

"We will try to make him get over it, somehow or other," he added.

Mr. Fong said that news of his son-in-law's death reached him by cable sent by Mr. N. Hall, master of the Taiping. Mrs. Hill was informed likewise.

"We have prepared everything possible to make Lance happy when he joins us," he said.

"Standing a little less than four feet in his speeded boots, Lance, minutely answered questions, blushing on the tragic incident.

"Were you frightened when you ran for the doctor?" "No, I thought Father was sick and needed a doctor," he replied, not the same time blowing his red-dened nose.

"What do you intend to do in Hong Kong? Have you been here before?" "I don't know. This is the first time I left home."

To a parting remark—Cheer up, Lance—he replies shyly: "I will, Sir, thank you."



Ten-year-old Lance Rie, Australian-born Chinese of Bundarra, NSW, who lost his father en route from Sydney to Hong Kong aboard the 45, Taiping, is seen with Mrs. M. C. Hill, stewardess of the liner, who "mothered" him after the tragic incident. The efforts of Sydney-born Mrs. Hill, herself a mother of two, to "make him get over it" have evidently proved fruitful. Young Lance smiled weakly when prompted by his "Australian" to pose for the "China Mail"—("China Mail" photo).

Frenchwoman Fined For Breach Of Immigration Rules

Miss Hugette Diu, a French subject, was fined \$50 by Mr. A. D. Scholes yesterday when she pleaded guilty through her solicitor, Mr. P. J. Griffiths to a charge of failing to leave the Colony by the deadline set for her stay in Hong Kong.

Defendant, who was fined \$20 for failing to report change of particulars within 48 hours, pleaded not guilty to a charge of failing to notify the Immigration Officer of her departure from the Colony.

On the prosecution offering no evidence she was discharged.

Defendant was also ordered to leave the Colony by December 23, failing which she will be expelled.

Sub-Inspector T. V. C. Reynolds said that defendant was a French National and arrived in the Colony on November 23. She was allowed to stay in the Colony until November 27. Failing to leave the Colony by the time limit, she went to the Immigration Officer and applied for an extension of her stay in the Colony. The Immigration Officer gave her 48 hours to leave the Colony and told her that she must leave on or before December 3.

Mr. Griffiths said that defendant first came to the Colony in December 1947 and stayed here for a month. She returned to the Colony on May 7, 1949, and stayed six months until September 20. She obtained employment in a dress-making establishment.

Shortly before leaving the Colony in September this year, she received an offer of employment in the Medical Department of the Civil Air Transport whose head office was in Kunming.

Defendant left the Colony in September to take up the appointment in Kunming. She took a Hong Kong Airways Aircraft and at the airport at Kai Tak she was subjected to passport examination.

On her arrival in the Colony she gave her address as 75 Robinson Road which was in effect the address of the CATC office so that she could be contacted if wanted.

The date time for her departure was November 27. Defendant was left in a complete quandary as to what to do.

Up till then nothing had been decided as to where CATC would be shifted.

Defendant then went to the Immigration Authority and asked permission for an extension of her stay. She was told to get a letter from her employers to satisfy the authorities that she was in their employ, and a certificate to that effect was

form to be filled in. The form was subsequently filled in and she was under the impression that it would be handed to the Police. Defendant was quite unaware of the procedure.

Evacuated From Kunming

The fall of Kunming led to the wholesale evacuation of Government Departments and of the head office of the CAT and their staff.

Defendant was told by her employers to proceed to Hong Kong until the question of the transfer of the office was cleared up. Up till now she had received no instructions.

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Spitfire Pilot's Narrow Escape

A Royal Air Force pilot narrowly missed serious injury when his Spitfire plane crashed into runway markers while landing at Kai Tak yesterday.

The plane, True Strike, was the fourth of six planes to land, after carrying out routine exercises.

The last Spitfire in the formation had already touched down on the runway, when the pilot saw the fourth plane hit the two 15-foot sheet-iron markers, and skid out of control.

The pilot of the sixth Spitfire immediately applied full power and gained flying speed in time to avoid a collision.

Force of the crash spun the Spitfire completely around, and caused its undercarriage to collapse.

After the pilot turned on the automatic fire extinguisher, he jumped from his plane uninjured.

Two other Spitfire aircraft "collided" yesterday, during ground training causing slight damage to the planes. No one was injured.

handed to the Immigration Authorities.

Despite the certificate she was told by the Immigration Officer that she must leave the Colony as soon as possible and her application was refused.

"Very Unreasonable"

Defendant pointed out that she had to contact her employers again.

"She was told by the Immigration Officer that she could wait until her employer, Dr. Gentry returned to the Colony to give her instructions."

Dr. Gentry did not return until November 20. He himself was in difficulty at that time and had not decided where he would go.

Dr. Gentry wrote a letter to the Immigration Authorities explaining the difficulty of getting transport for defendant.

Despite the letter she was told by the Immigration Authorities that she must leave the Colony within 48 hours.

This was very unreasonable counsel said, and defendant then decided that she would wait for her employer.

There was no question of defendant's conduct whatsoever in the Colony or elsewhere. She had been placed in an unfortunate position by everything which had occurred in China.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

William Albert Johnston, foreman, of 5, Waverley Terrace, Kowloon District, and Miss Sylvia Zeffert Burnard, tailoress, of 25, Eastern Saga Glory, have announced their forthcoming wedding.

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1. To receive and consider the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1948.
2. To elect Directors.
3. To appoint Auditors.
4. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from December 15 to 21, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
WHELOCK MARDEN & CO., LTD.,
Secretaries and General Managers.

Hong Kong, Dec. 7, 1949.

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2. To declare a dividend on the Preference Shares.
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All holders of arms licences are reminded that their licences are due for renewal on January 1, 1950. Renewal fee: \$20.

Applications for renewal should be made to the Officer-in-Charge of Arms, Central Police Station. Failure to apply for renewal of licences by January 31, 1950, may result in prosecution and confiscation of the arms.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

December 12, 1949.

POLICE NOTICE

Will "Eye Witness" who witnessed the accident at Johnston Road at 13.00 hrs. on November 29, 1949, please contact Traffic Office, Central Police Station, Hollywood Road early. Please Telephone 39346 or 31122 Extension 22.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

December 12, 1949.

ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG STOCKHOLDERS IN MARSAN OPERATED PHILIPPINE GOLD MINES

A Meeting of the above Association will be held at the floor of the Hongkong Stock Exchange on Friday the 10th December 1949, at 5 p.m., to hear a report of the progress made since the inauguration. All Shareholders are requested to attend.

ALICE MEMORIAL & AFFILIATED HOSPITALS

(NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL)
The Annual Meeting of the General Committee of the Alice Memorial & Affiliated Hospitals (Nethersole Hospital) will be held TODAY at 5.15 p.m. in the Nethersole Hospital, Bonham Road, Tea will be served at 5 p.m.

R.M. ALBERTON,
Secretary.

NOTICE

A.A. GUN PRACTICE

The Military authorities announce that A.A. gun practice will take place from Brick Hill gun site on Wednesday, December 14 and Thursday, December 15, 1949 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day.

This will result in bursts over the sea South of Lamma Island and South of Stanley Peninsula. Arrangements have been made for the patrol of areas affected in order to ensure that vessels, ships, aircraft and persons are not exposed to danger.

U.S.R.C.

The Christmas Dance will be held on Boxing Day—8.00 p.m. 2.00 a.m. Tickets will be limited to 250—tables may be booked at the Club. Tickets \$5.00 single, \$10.00 double.

The Children's Xmas Party will be held on the afternoon of Thursday, 29th December. Application forms must be returned before 20th December.

ATTENTION

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Rotarians Hear Talks On Ethical Standards

Talks on high ethical standards in business and profession, one of the four objects of Rotary, were given by two speakers at the Hong Kong Rotary Club luncheon yesterday.

A small card setting out the four-way test of the ethical standard of a business transaction or decision was placed in front of each Rotarian and guest at the luncheon table.

The four questions of the test, to which an affirmative answer is required, are:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The first speaker, Mr. John Yuen, who is a metal printer and can manufacturer, told fellow Rotarians how his business answered affirmatively the Four-Way Test. The packaging industry, he said, was a real contribution to the industrial development of the Colony, and a necessity in the complex modern life.

The next speaker was Mr. W. M. Simmons, Manager of the National City Bank of New York, who spoke on the role that the good bank plays in its community. First and foremost, he said, a bank is a convenient steel-shuttered place where money can be

stored with utmost security for a day, a month, or a lifetime. Primarily, therefore, the banker is not loaning his money, or the bank's, when borrowers come in and ask to be accommodated. He is lending money which the depositors have placed in his care and trust, and his foremost responsibility is to insure and protect those funds.

Next the bank's contribution to public service in the everyday life of the community, is to act as a regulator, a governor, a safety valve on business.

He helps those who are energetic and enthusiastic, but not as ambitious and courageous as he has a right to be. On the other hand he has also to curb wild enthusiasm, to point out possible danger and pitfalls in the path of the too-adventurous.

Yesterday's meeting was devoted to vocational services, and the two speakers were introduced by Mr. S. Y. Pang, Chairman of Rotary's Vocational Services Committee.

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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

The Authority on Authority

TAKE LOSERS AT START

MANY players timorously delay leading trumps, if their suit is sketchy in high cards, especially when they have a good solid suit on the side. Possession of the solid suit, instead of steering them away from trump leads, should cause them as early as possible. The purpose should be to get the defenders out of trumps at the outset, to keep them from ruffing some of the nice high cards.

S J 8 5 4
H 8 8 2
D Q 10 7
C J 8 6

S Q 10 3
H Q J 7 5
D 9 4 3 2
C 5 3

S K 6 2
H 6
D A K J 8
C A K Q 4

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)

South West North East
1 C 1 H Pass Pass
2 D 2 H Pass Pass
3 S Pass 3 S Pass
4 S

How lucky South was to reach that make-it-gone contract. He didn't feel quite equal to opening with two of a suit, so chose 1-Club, the easiest thing to overcall. North, however, said later he would have passed if West had not bid, giving South a second chance. He was lucky again that West rebid the hearts, which set the stage for his 2-Spades deal!

This highest-ranking of three suits virtually compelled North to show his fit with a single raise, so South went to four.

The declarer ruffed the second heart lead, then was afraid of his weak trump holding, so led three diamonds, rounds. West led and led a third heart to be ruffed. Three unopened club leads followed. East ruffing one and making South trump a third heart. The club Q was ruffed by the 8 and 10 and the diamond 9 by the A to set South two.

The sound job was elementary. After ruffing the second trick, reach dummy with the club J and finesse the spade 9, his best chance; later score the spade K and then run side suits until East used the spade Q to ruff. Thus, South would have lost only two tricks in trumps and one in hearts.

Tomorrow's Problem

S A 9 7 5 3 2
H K J 10 7 5
D 6
C 10

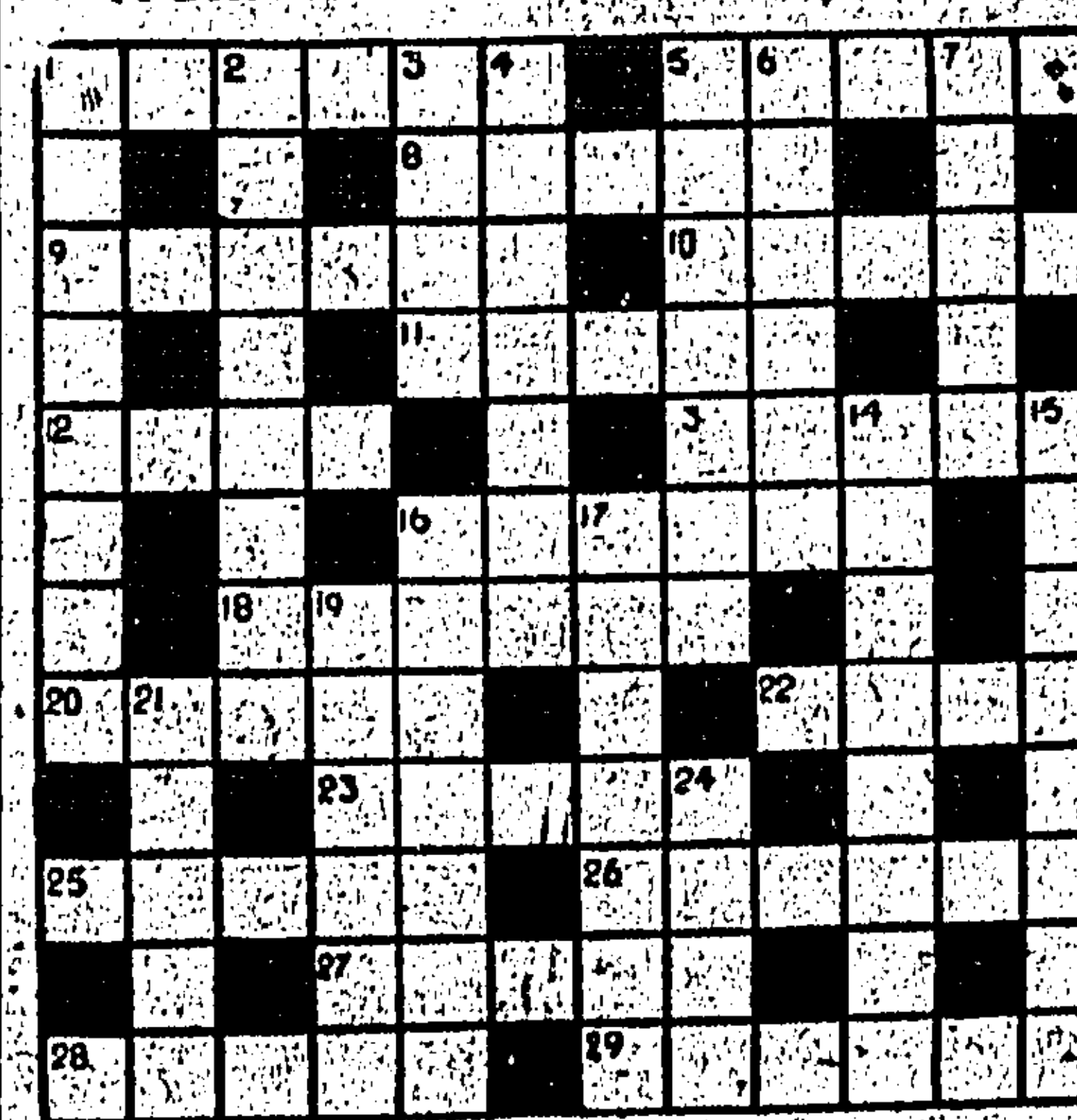
S None
H None
D A K Q
C 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

S J 8 6
H 8 6 3
D A K Q
C 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)

What bidding would you favour of this terrible rubber bridge deal?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 1 Set down.
- 5 Giver.
- 8 External.
- 9 Elder.
- 10 Sound.
- 11 Society.
- 12 Actor's part.
- 13 Fill with dread.
- 14 Criticised severely.
- 15 Expunge.
- 20 Venue of a play.
- 22 Fairy.
- 23 Cut.
- 24 Cluster.
- 25 Not speak.
- 27 Figures.
- 28 Might.
- 29 Sporting dog.

Down

- 1 Emergency force.
- 2 Close.
- 4 Apartment.
- 5 Landing.
- 6 Turn aside.
- 7 One fumed.
- 8 for wisdom.
- 9 Willow place.
- 14 Supporter.
- 15 Peace-maker.
- 16 Support for railway line.
- 17 Affairs.
- 18 Make certain.
- 21 Museum place.
- 24 Go up.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Method, 5 Acrid, 6 Fool, 9 Ballad, 11 Learn, 12 Dashed, 14 Hole, 16 Easy, 18 Exile, 19 Idle, 20 Tamper, 24 Adieu, 25 Enter.

DOWN—1 Mob, 2 Told, 3 Opal, 4 Deduce, 5 Alleged, 6 Realise, 7 Donkeys, 10 Legal, 12 Despair, 14 Bidding, 15 Lecture, 17 Sleep, 18 Innate, 21 Plan, 22 Ribs, 23 Laid.

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U.S. ASKING ALLIES FOR GUARANTEES ON ATLANTIC PACT AID

Brussels, December 12.

The United States is asking her Atlantic Pact partners for guarantees that American military aid given them under the treaty will be used only for the defence of Western Europe.

The guarantee is a cardinal point in the bilateral agreements which the United States is negotiating with other Atlantic Pact nations to obtain strategic materials for stockpiling in exchange for military aid.

In the case of Belgium, the two-way agreement is expected to supersede any previous arrangements on the Belgian Congo's uranium production, most of which

already goes to the United States.

Informed sources said other points of the bilateral accords will call on aid-receiving nations to:

1. Assist the United States in augmenting its stockpile of strategic materials after domestic and foreign trade requirements had been met.
 The uranium stock will continue to be entirely earmarked for shipment to atomic plants in America.

2. Guarantee that American arms supplies will only be used to achieve the two-fold aim of the Atlantic Pact, including integration of armed strength to resist aggression.

3. Pledge that military supplies received under MAP would be used "as effectively as possible."

Military Secrets

4. Agree not to export any supplies obtained under MAP to any other country without the written agreement of the United States Government.

5. Pledge that American military secrets obtained through armament shipments would be treated as "top secret," not to be communicated to other nations nor to local unauthorized personnel.

6. Agree to consult with the United States to draft a detailed programme of proposed exports to non-pact countries within her sphere of domination of certain undisclosed potential war materials.—United Press.

The last point is interpreted by informed Belgian sources as granting the United States the faculty of vetoing exports to Soviet Russia or countries within her sphere of domination of certain undisclosed potential war materials.—United Press.

Americans And Health Insurance

London, December 13.

Oscar R. Wing, U.S. Federal security Administrator, said today that Americans will get free wigs and spectacles along with medical service when and if Congress approves the National Health Insurance Programme.

He told a press conference that such services under socialised medicine don't amount to much, and cited the expenditure in one section of London on wigs and spectacles under the National Health Scheme as unimportant.

"It might run to more in America than in England," one reporter said. "The average Englishman has more hair than the man back home."

Ewing ran a hand through his own silvery gray locks. "I hadn't thought of it quite that way," he said.

Ewing said that he was greatly impressed by the British Health Service, and that it had been misrepresented in the States.—United Press.

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"SWEDISH FOOTBALL IN HONGKONG"

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Russian Propaganda For Schools

Washington, December 13.
 Representative George H. Mahon, Texas Democrat, has bitterly protested to the United States Office of Education that the Russian embassy here is using the mails to introduce Communist propaganda into the public schools, it was disclosed today.

Mr. Mahon complained in a letter to Dr. Earl J. McGrath, U.S. Commissioner of Education, that the Soviet Information Bulletin, a propaganda magazine published by the Russian Embassy, is being mailed to the Lubbock, Texas, high schools.

His complaint coincided with a report by Norman J. Nelson, First Assistant Superintendent of Washington schools, that the publication—which usually portrays a utopian-like existence for workers in the Soviet Union—is being mailed to local schools. There have been similar reports from other sections of the nation.

But Dr. McGrath's office said that he had informed Representative Mahon that he could take no action because there is no law barring such distribution and that it was therefore up to the school authorities to decide whether the "Bulletin" is to be kept from the students.—United Press.

Black Market Broken In Manila

Manila, December 12.
 Foodstuff prices in Manila have returned to the pre-import control days late in November following Government action in frustrating would-be hoarders of prime commodities, a newspaper survey disclosed today.

As a result, grocers are again displaying their wares in their shelves.

In addition to the Government action in curbing black marketing, importers assured the general public that their stocks are sufficient to go around for at least four months.—Reuter.

PERSONAL UN "WALK-OUT"

Lake Success, December 12.

Argentina's mercurial Dr. Jose Arce staged a personal "walk-out" from the Security Council today.

The Council does not use simultaneous translation, the system whereby interpreters relay the speaker's words in five different languages to delegates and the public through headsets. It relies on subsequent translation.

After an hour-long speech by the Ukrainian delegate and an equally long translation, Dr. Arce moved for immediate adjournment. He claimed it was torture to be forced to listen to such long speeches and translations.

The motion was put to the vote and only Dr. Arce voted for adjournment. He then packed his papers and left for the day.—United Press.

REDS CHARGED BY BRITISH

Hanover, December 12.

British authorities filed charges of endangering the security of the Allied forces against eight Communists at Hanover today.

The Communists are all officials of the company which publishes "Die Volksstimme" (People's Voice), the Communist newspaper in Hanover.

The British authorities alleged that the newspaper had carried an article urging residents of the Hanover area to strike against the dismantling of the Hermann Goerring steel works here.

Among those charged were August Hollander, the Communist State Chairman for Niedersachsen, and Werner Sterzenbach, the chief editor of the paper.—Associated Press.

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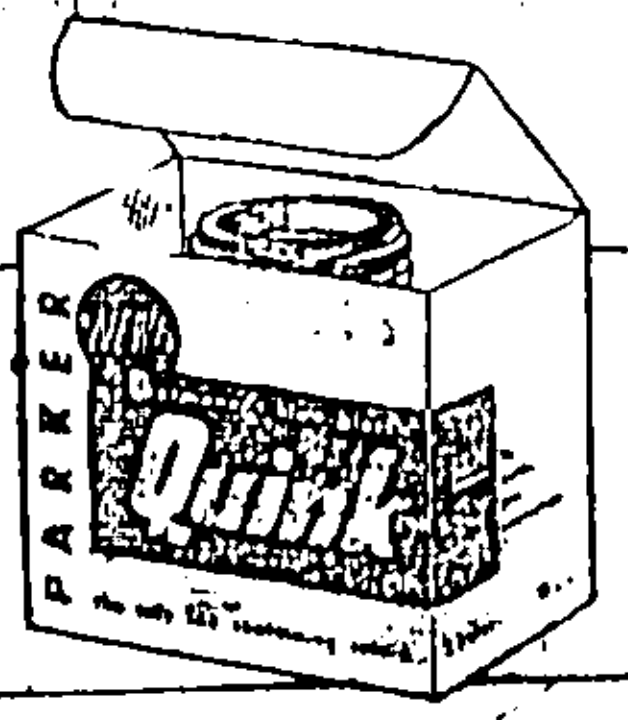
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SCAP'S RELIEF:

TIME HAS COME TO TRUST THE JAPANESE

Advocate Loses Voice

Hamburg, December 12.
The Judge Advocate, Mr.
L. A. Collingwood, lost his
voice today after five hours
of summing up the war
crimes case against Field
Marshal Erich Von Manstein.

His summing up is expected
to last until Friday. He
still has 13 charges to deal
with. The court, which had
heard the Judge Advocate ac-
cuse the defence of abusing
the great latitude granted to
it, was adjourned half an
hour before the usual time
when his voice gave out.—
Reuter.

RUSSIANS SIGN AT BERNE

Berne, December 12.
Russia, the Ukraine and
Byelo-Russia today signed the
four Geneva conventions of
1949 on the protection of
war victims.

The three delegations arrived in
Switzerland on Saturday, two
days late for the formal signing
in Geneva in which 29 nations
participated.

General Nikolai Vassilievitch
Slavine, the Soviet delegate, ex-
plained that the plane bringing
the three delegations from Russia
was held up in Vienna by bad
weather.

Max Petitpierre, head of the
Swiss Political Department, who
is to become President of Switzer-
land later this week, received the
three delegations as President of
the Geneva conference, which
worked out the conventions last
Summer.

General Slavine expressed for
Russia several minor reservations
on the convention for the protec-
tion of civilians.

Russia contends that in the
case of interned civilians in a
foreign country, if the national
government of the interned per-
sons is unable to act as their pro-
tector it is illegal for a neutral
state or other body to act as their
protecting power without the
consent of the government of
which they are nationals.

Iran Kouteinikov, representing
Byelo-Russia, and Alexandrovitch
Bogomolov, representing the Uk-
raine, made the same reserva-
tions.—Associated Press.

Detroit, December 12.
General Douglas MacArthur believes Japan
is entitled now to the self-respect enjoyed by
a sovereign nation, the Under-Secretary of the
Army, Tracy Voorhees, said today.
Mr. Voorhees, who is just back from a tour of
Japan, said the conversion of the Japanese
into a peaceful democratic people has been
in a large degree accomplished.

He added, "It is the belief
of General MacArthur and
his staff that the time has
arrived when we can trust
the Japanese."

He told the Detroit Economics
Club, "It is General MacArthur's
view that Japan is entitled to
restoration to a position of
self-respect enjoyed by a sov-
ereign nation."

Mr. Voorhees said that not
only has Japan been converted to
democracy, it has turned its back
entirely on Communism. "The
returning Japanese prisoners,
whom the Russians released after hard indoctrina-
tion, of Communism, have
completely failed in building up
a party line in Japan."

The Under-Secretary has just
returned to the United States
after a two-week study of Japan
and conferences with the Oc-
cupation authorities. He is on
the way back to Washington.

Time Has Come

Mr. Voorhees praised the hu-
manitarian policy of General
MacArthur and said its primary
purpose was to convert Japan into
a peaceful democratic people,
friendly to the United States, and
who in their hearts had genuin-
ly renounced war.

"I can report to you au-
thoritatively that it has not
only in form but also in sub-
stance been in a large degree
accomplished."

Mr. Voorhees did not specifi-
cally recommend the ending of
the Occupation, but he said the
time has come to restore Japan
to the status of a sovereign na-
tion.

He expressed his unreserved
admiration for the Supreme Com-
mander's ability in winning an
"attitude almost of respect"
from the Japanese.

Advance Base

He said, "A week ago today
General MacArthur told me he
was convinced that the Japanese
nation as a whole now has no
more use for war."

Although Mr. Voorhees said he
spoke strictly for himself, he
pointed to the use of Japan as
an advance base to secure peace
in the Pacific.

Mr. Voorhees said, "If we can
keep the Japanese islands secure
against falling into the hands of
an enemy and retain our position
on Okinawa and in the
Philippines, we shall have main-
tained a chain of islands protect-
ed by a water barrier between
them and the Asiatic coast, from
which we should be able to pre-
vent the launching of any con-
spiraciously assault."

How this "advantageous posi-
tion" should be used, he said,
however, must be left up to the
State Department and the Joint
Chiefs of Staff.—United Press.

Rubber Price At New High

London, December 12.
The price of rubber in
Singapore has reached a new
post-war high—mainly be-
cause of devaluation—the Co-
lonial Office reported today.

The price as quoted by the
Colonial Office now averages
48 Singapore cents per pound.
This compares with the July,
1948 high of 47.05 Singapore
cents per pound. Prices rose
after devaluation of British
Commonwealth currencies last
September.—Associated Press.

WINTER COMES TO EUROPE

London, December 12.
Temperatures nose-dived
in most of Europe today as
wintry winds, snow and icy
rain abruptly ended the
unusually long and balmy
autumn.

From Sweden to the mountains
in Italy, temperatures dropped
below freezing. Weathermen
warned that the cold spell would
last all week, with more show-
fall in sight.

The temperature dropped to 16
below zero Fahrenheit in Northern
Sweden last night and is still
falling.

Most of Western Germany re-
ported snowfalls of between three
and five inches in hilly areas and
rain elsewhere.

Switzerland reported winter
weather with 10 inches or more of
snow in the famous Alpine ski
resorts, and all mountain passes
blocked until Spring.

Snow fell in the Scottish high-
lands and on the outskirts of
London. Bitter winds swept
through London today.

Snow fell in parts of France
and the first snow of the season
blanketed the Italian Apennine
mountains last night.

In the U.S., a cold air mass
marched Eastward across the
Northern half of the nation, caus-
ing temperatures to drop as it
advanced and leaving 51 persons
dead in tornadoes, snow slides and
highway accidents.

An 11-inch snowfall was re-
ported and the temperature was
27 below zero.

New Yorkers hoped for rain to
raise the rapidly falling levels of
the city reservoirs, but the best
the weatherman could do was
heavy fog, which slowed air and
sea traffic.

Most of the 51 dead, except for
nine killed in tornadoes, died in
traffic accidents resulting from
slippery highways, fog and other
driving hazards.—United Press.

Santa Claus In Amsterdam



Santa Claus rides through Amsterdam, Holland on a grey mare, escorted by his black ser-
vants, during his state entrance into the town early in December. At the roadside are some
of the thousands of excited youngsters who have been waiting for him to come to them from
his home in Spain. The children say that Santa makes the long boat journey every year. To
the good children he gives presents. The naughty are bundled up in sacks and carried off by
his black servants. Paul Huf, a prominent Dutch actor, played Santa Claus this year. If some
of the children had been in Amsterdam Park earlier in the week they would have seen him
riding his grey mare in training. That would have exploded their cherished legend so parents
kept their youngsters well away. (Associated Press Photo).

TRUTH OF MUKDEN CONSULATE AFFAIR REVEALED BY WARD

Aboard Lakeland Victory, December 12.
Mr. Angus Ward, United States Consul-General in
Mukden, expelled by the Communists today
gave the story of the incident in the Mukden
Consulate which formed the basis of the Com-
munist charges against him. Ward said the Com-
munist charges against him were a lie.
Mr. Ward disclosed that there actually was an al-
tercation in the Consulate, as the Communists
alleged, but that it was far from the way the
Reds told it.

Mr. Ward and four
Consulate employees were
convicted by the Commu-
nist People's Court of assault-
ing two Chinese in a quarrel
over severance pay for one
of them who had worked for
the Consulate.

The Communists pictured the
Chinese as victims of a brutal,
unprovoked beating at the hands
of Mr. Ward and his assistants.

Mr. Ward said that the court,
composed of two men and a
woman, acted as a court of
judgment. The defendants were
not allowed counsel to plead.

Here is Mr. Ward's account,
which he was not able to give
before the court:

A Chinese messenger, Chi Yu-
heng, resigned on September 27,
but projected that the salary due
him for nine working days, plus
two months' severance pay, was
insufficient.

On October 11, Mr. Ward and
Mr. Franco, Ciegona, Italian
born, radio technician at the
Consulate, found Chi hiding in a
storeroom.

Self-Inflicted Injuries
When Mr. Ward started to lead
the Chinese down the stairs,
Chi grabbed his coat. It took
Mr. Ward and Shiro Tatsumi,
American-born Japanese em-
ployee of the Consulate, to pull
him loose.

When they again started
down the stairs, Chi's brother
appeared and tried to inter-
fere. Mr. Ward, on the neck
and shoulder, Mr. Ralph C.
Rehberg, Consulate adminis-
trative officer, pulled him off.
The brother fled down another
stair and returned, brandishing
a three-foot length of two by

four timber at Mr. Ward.
The Consul-General then re-
leased the Chinese, and Chi, in
what Mr. Ward called pure
frustration, ran over and banged
his own head twice against the
iron stair rail.

"That is the only injury I saw
inflicted on him at any time,"
Mr. Ward said.

He denied striking the Chinese
at any time.

Mr. Ward and four employees
were arrested by the Commu-
nists and held in jail for 28
days. Mr. Ward was kept 24
days in solitary confinement,
losing more than 25 pounds on
the thin diet of bread and hot
water.

The water was the only thing
hot, he noted, the prison being
usually unheated in bitter cold
weather.

Asked why the Communists
behaved as they did towards the
Americans, Mr. Ward replied:
"Our guess is as good as yours."

Mr. Ward is expected to re-
turn to the United States on the
President Wilson which sails from
Yokohama on December 22.

President Line, official in
Tokyo said they had made no de-
finite reservations, but that they
had been asked informally to pro-
tect space for Mr. Ward and his
party. The request came from
State Department officials, they
said.

Earlier reports from Taku Bar,
where Mr. Ward boarded the
Lakeland Victory yesterday for
the trip to Japan, said he is ex-
pected to return to the States
on the President Wilson. How-
ever, those reports mentioned
January 3 as the sailing date.
The President Line office said
they have no ship sailing from
Japan on that date.—Associated
Press.

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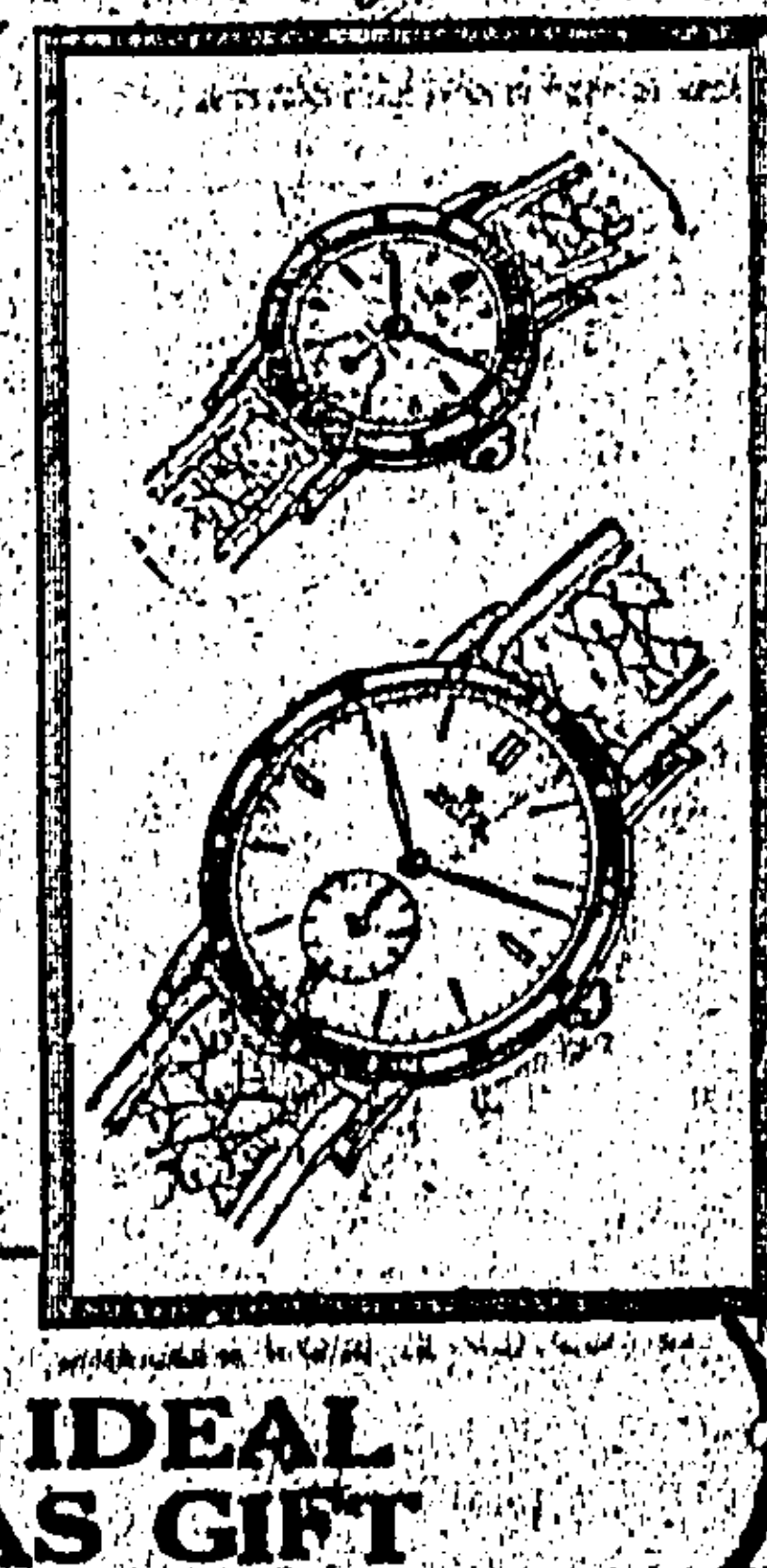
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DEMAND FOR DEATH SENTENCE IN SOFIA TREASON TRIAL

Sofia, December 12.

The prosecution tonight demanded the "severest penalty under the law"—death—for the first five accused in the Sofia treason trial.

Mr. Dimitar Georgiev, the chief public prosecutor of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, spoke with great force under the glare of lights in the crowded Sofia Court.

"There can be no mercy for traitors, saboteurs and spies such as the accused," he declared.

In his final plea, which followed the presentation of documentary evidence for the prosecution and defence, the prosecutor developed much the same theme as his Hungarian colleague during the trial of László Rajk in Budapest.

He charged that the accused had plotted to tear Bulgaria away from its peaceful path of socialism and from the side of the Soviet Union and that they had done so under the instructions of the British and American intelligence services.

He declared that the Bulgarian conspiracy, whose leaders were in the dock today, was only one in "a long chain of conspiracies against the People's democracy, conspiracies which began during the war with the Churchill plan for a second front in the Balkans."

This plan was crushed only with Greece which had lost its independence, the prosecutor said.

But, he thundered, the British and American commands also wanted to occupy other countries in the Balkans, including Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, but were prevented only by the Red Army. After the war they could not reconcile themselves to the loss of these countries to the Imperialist system. They began to plot against these countries.

"British Agents"

Continuing, Mr. Georgiev said that these Powers could not stand by and see the construction of socialism with the help of the Soviet Union.

All of the plots against the Governments in Eastern Europe had been developed under the instructions of either British or American agents.

"I must point out here," he said, "that the number of persons employed in the American and British Legations in Bulgaria is extraordinarily high. Bulgarian public opinion is asking, 'What are these people doing here, so many of them?'"

The prosecutor charged that when the conspiracies, led by reactionaries, had failed, the Anglo-Americans utilised their agents within the leadership of various Communist parties whom they had succeeded in hitting many years ago.

In Bulgaria, he said, they placed all their hopes on the chief accused, "Kostov and his group."

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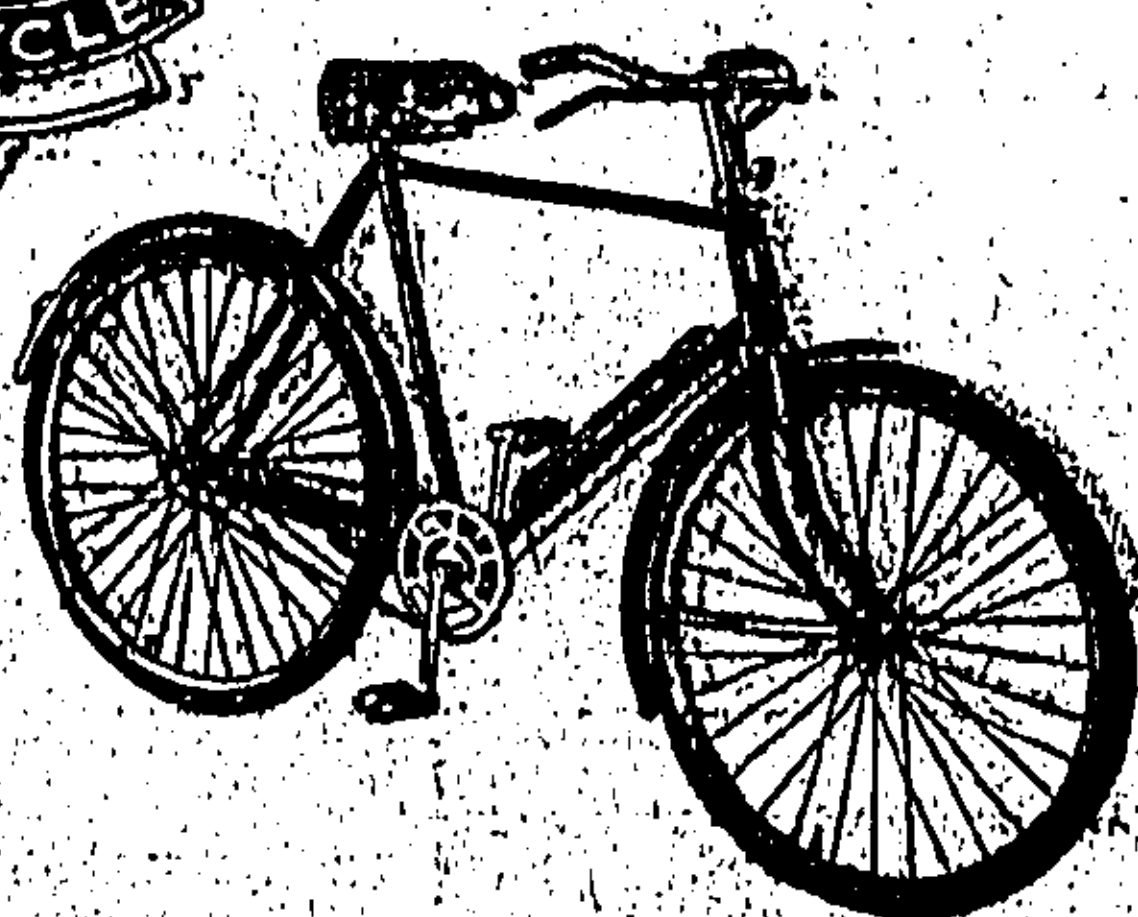
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Sharp U.S. Protest To Bulgaria

Washington, December 12. The United States today denounced Communist Bulgaria for subjecting American Legation officials at Sofia to indignities, restrictions and false charges.

The Under-Secretary of State, Mr. James E. Webb, summoned Bulgaria's Washington representative to the State Department for a sharply worded protest against the actions of his Soviet bloc government. — Associated Press.

Churchill's Son

Mr. Churchill went on. "The British sent their best people to Yugoslavia and the Balkans. They sent the son of Churchill, Randolph, because they recognised clearly the Trotskyite views of the Tito clique, realising that they could be placed in their service."

"Tito fulfilled their highest hopes. But the British and Americans were not satisfied with their success in Yugoslavia. They wanted to enter also into the leadership of the Communist Party of Bulgaria. In Kostov they found their man."

"The Bulgarian people want union between our brotherly countries but we want it to be an anti-Imperialist union, not a coup d'état against the Soviet Union nor our subjection to the Anglo-American Imperialists."

The greatest obstacle to the realisation of the plan of London, Washington and Belgrade, he said, had been the late Bulgarian Communist leader, Dimitrov, and that was the reason why they plotted against him, slandered him and tried to drive him to his death.

He said that the accused were on simple nationalist deviants but were proven traitors.

The prosecutor said that the guilt of the accused aggravated their "great intelligence and the leading positions they held in the Party and the State apparatus."

No Claim For Mercy

"They knew very well what they were doing. Treason is the greatest crime against the people under the laws of our country and our constitutions."

By the sentence which you will hand down you will give all conspirators everywhere a good lesson and make them think before entering into the service of foreign Powers against their own people."

"There is no claim for mercy for the accused—Kostov, Stephanov, Tsvetkov, Petkov and Severov. You must punish them with all the severity that the law allows."

The prosecutor began by giving a review of all the evidence presented at the trial since it began last Wednesday.

Earlier, the Court completed the hearing of all witnesses and expert commissions.

The high point of today's session was the testimony of one of Bulgaria's foremost Communist authorities on the Macedonian question, Mr. Kistov Kalashnikov, who spoke for one hour on this intricate problem and the basic differences between the Yugoslav and Bulgarian leaders on its solution.

Tito Charged

He said that the Yugoslav claims for annexation of Bulgarian Macedonia came extremely close to succeeding before the Cominform resolution.

"Had this plan succeeded," he said, "half the population would have fled into Bulgaria proper."

He charged the Yugoslav leaders with asking the Bulgarians to

employ terrorist methods to root out anti-Tito sentiments in Bulgarian Macedonia.

In 1945, during a visit to the capital of Yugoslavia, Belgrade, the witness testified, Marshal Tito told him, "Give the Bulgarian Macedonians to me for two years and I will make them into perfect Macedonians."

He said that the Bulgarian Macedonian population refused to accept Belgrade's candidates as leaders.

"The Yugoslavs told me that we should adopt State measures to make them accept their agents and I answered that such terrorist methods were incompatible with our way of doing things," the witness said.

Hotat Dimitrov

"Then they began such a struggle for power in Bulgarian Macedonia that it wasted my nerves more than under the Fascist occupation," he added.

He said that he was told by the Yugoslav leaders that "there is the way we do things whoever is against us gets the knife and you should learn from us."

He said that Yugoslav Macedonian leaders hated Georgi Dimitrov and constantly agitated and plotted against him.

"They accused him of chauvinism, of a false attitude toward the Macedonian question and of any slander they could think of," the witness concluded.

Further details of alleged sabotage of trade relations between Hungary and Bulgaria were also given today by witnesses who said that some of the accused had dragged out negotiations for four months and made the signing of an agreement almost impossible although the Hungarians had offered good terms and valuable machinery for such products as tobacco.

Nothing could be done against it at the time because the other negotiator had known that Ivan Touliev, former director of foreign

trade, one of the accused, was "a Kostov man."

An experts' commission on the sabotage of an electrification and water power project, also testified that the accused, Stephanov, former Minister of Finance, and the former Minister of Construction, Schularov, who is not now in trial, had been responsible for the loss of 4,000,000 leva through sabotage of electrification.

It was also testified today that some of the accused had given economic secrets to the former American Military Attache, Colonel Jargovich.—Reuter.



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Yugoslav Note To Russians

Berlin, December 12.

Colonel Mamcile Cisinovitch, the acting head of the Yugoslav Military Mission in Berlin, today sent a written protest to General Vassily Chulikov, the head of the Soviet Control Commission, against the expulsion of eight members of their Mission from the Soviet sector of Berlin.

The note was sent to the Protocol Section of the Soviet Control Commission at midday today.

Colonel Cisinovitch complained at the undemocratic behaviour of the Government of the German Democratic Republic in sending policemen to turn the members of an officially accredited Allied Mission out of their living quarters on the grounds that their presence in the Eastern Zone or Eastern sector of Berlin was a menace to the German Democratic Republic.

He added that the conditions of the accreditation of the Allied Mission to the four occupying powers guaranteed them freedom of movement throughout the four sectors of the city.

The note pointed out that Yugoslavia did not recognise the Government of the German Democratic Republic, and added, as an aside, that the Yugoslav Mission has not yet received notification either that the Soviet sector of Berlin is part of that Republic.

The Yugoslav note finally asked the Russians:

1.—To lift the police blockade of the houses in question so that the members of the Mission could collect their belongings and furniture.

2.—To grant the members of the Mission unrestricted movement in Eastern Berlin.

3.—If the Soviet authorities wished to discuss the matter, to send representatives of the Protocol Section of the Soviet Control Commission and not officials of the German Democratic Republic of the City Government of Berlin.—Reuter.

Army Ordered To Occupy London Power Stations

London, December 12.

The Labour Government tonight ordered troops to key London power stations to keep essential services functioning despite the flash strike of manual workers, called just as a "cold weather" electricity crisis swept the nation.

The Labour Minister, George Isaacs, announced

in the Commons that troops would be despatched to Brimsdown power station Enfield, and Taylor's Lane, Willesden, in North London, and to Littlebrook power station in the South East suburb of Dartford, where 850 manual workers had walked out on an unauthorised strike over bonus payments.

Simultaneously, the power stations of Britain were forced to effect "safety cuts" up to 15 per cent because of the dangerous rise in the use of current as a result of the sudden cold snap.

Mr. Isaacs' announcement received immediate Conservative support in the Commons.

Thousands of commuters in London were delayed when trams and bus services were cancelled as a result of the power cuts, which ran as high as 15 per cent in some parts of Britain.

At dusk, some areas of Scotland and Northern England were still without current.

The strikers expect the walk-out to spread to other stations tomorrow and forecast widespread power failures in the London area.

Reason For Strike

The British Electricity Authority, in a statement tonight,

said the men had quit "without notice and without explanation."

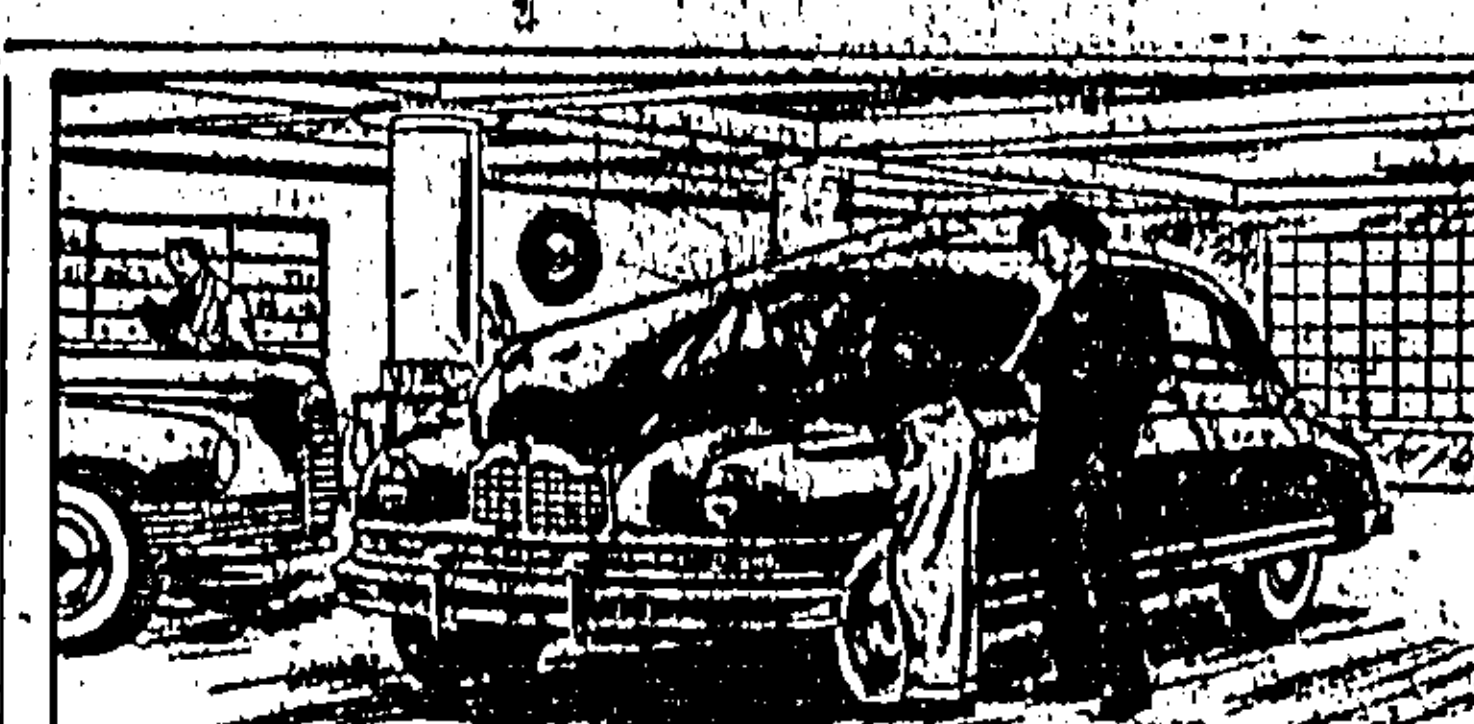
It said the reason for the men striking was disagreement with the decision reached by the National Joint Industrial Council for electricity supply, which agreed that bonus payments should be merged into wage increases.

"The Government have decided that, in order to maintain essential supplies, Servicemen shall be used in order to keep the power stations going," announced Mr. Isaacs.

"We are confident that the House will concur in this action, which is designed to protect essential public service."—United Press.

Addis Ababa, December 12.

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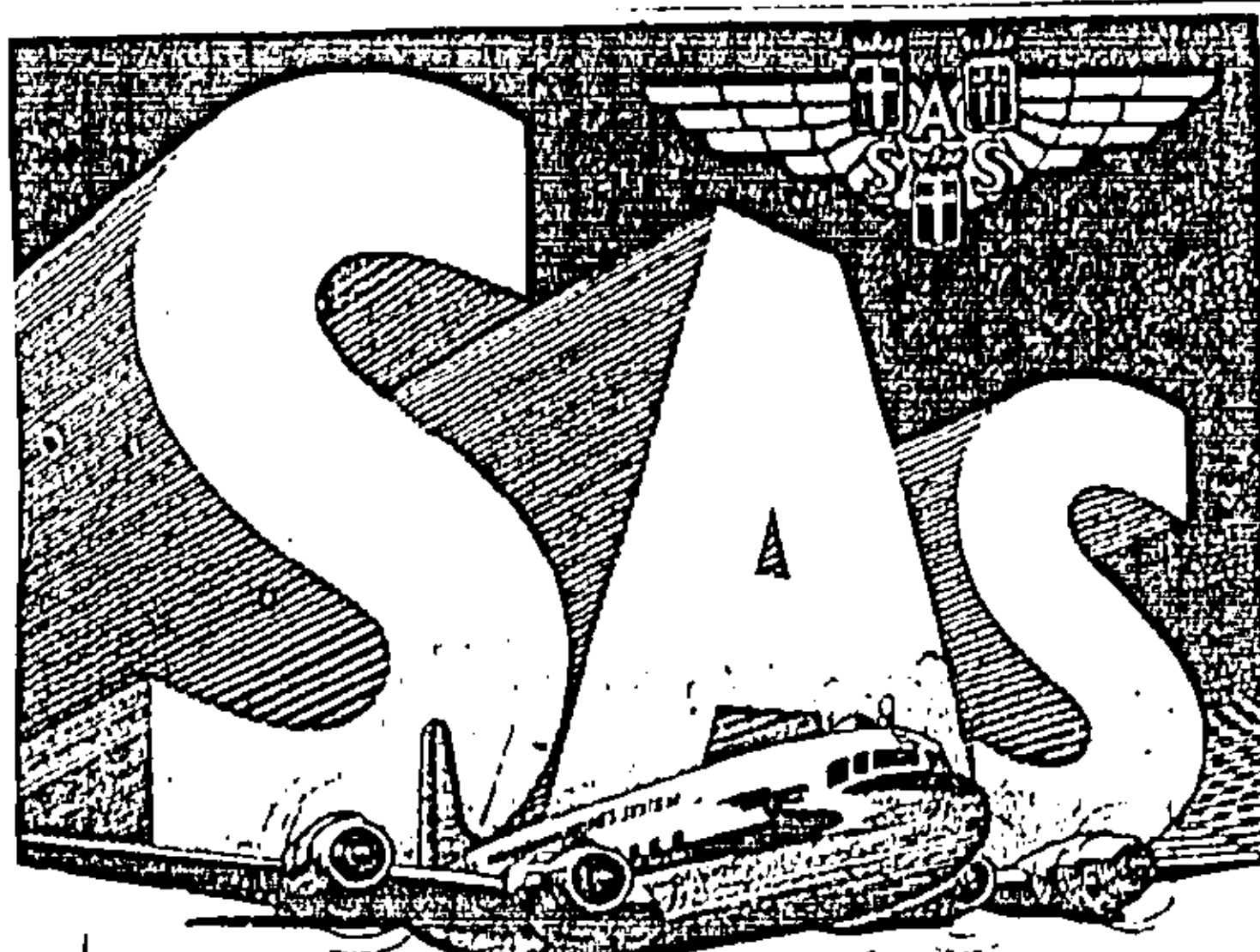
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FUTURE OF TAIWAN

The news that recent economic reforms in Taiwan are to be followed up by political reforms is of the utmost importance. There are other ways of handling the problem of the island's disposition than outright war. The Chinese notoriously prefer to settle their civil wars with a maximum of bargaining, negotiation and common-sense, and a minimum of slaughter. Bloody battles were usually left to the manufacturer in Nanking under the Nationalist Ministry of Defence.

The first reform needed is to carry out a large measure of local self-government in Taiwan, and satisfy the very real desire of the people in this respect. Provincial autonomy used to be a nuisance in China Proper, even after the Tachans lost that title. It has since been flattened out by successive tidal waves—Nationalist, Japanese, and now Communist. It has been partially revived by the Communist decision to divide the country into five regional military areas.

It would hardly be prudent to follow that device exactly in the case of Taiwan. But there was never a better case for real provincial autonomy. The rump Nationalist Government ought to function altogether apart from the ordinary administration of the island, which should afford every reasonable opportunity for the people themselves.

The Kuomintang are committed to the principle of Democracy under the San Min Chu I. They formally handed over recently to "the people". Unfortunately that was a matter of form only. Democratic institutions are spreading even in what used to be called "Darkest Africa." They are essential in the world struggle between free Democracy and Communist Totalitarianism.

Is there any reason why the first real experiment in democracy in China should not be made in Taiwan? When they were liberated the people of that island expected something better than the Japanese regime, under which they had no political rights but great economic development and prosperity. They wanted a large measure of autonomy anyway—and not unreasonably. We all know what they actually got, and it isn't necessary to labour that bitter experience.

Taiwan has two fronts, neither of which has yet developed. One is external and the other internal. The more the domestic situation is strengthened the stronger will be its position vis-a-vis the East China Military Region. There is an obvious alternative to war as a solution, and there is no reason why it cannot be explored. Internal political reform is the first stage. Without it there is always the danger of a revolt inside the island—and nobody can be sure just what a large part of the troops would do in such a case.

Recognition of Communist China by Britain and the Commonwealth nations seems assured unless the extremists in China go out of their way to sabotage it. This would have a profound effect on the Nationalist blockade. What would then be left of it would hardly be worth continuing in face of the intense embarrassment the State Department has suffered. Its discontinuance would be an immense relief to Shanghai, and to the East China administration as a whole.

It might even be the most vital factor in deciding whether or not to carry on the

Alarmed by reports of the spread of "Titoism" in Italy, the Communist Party, the Cominform has ordered a general hunt directed against political rebels in all ranks of the two-and-a-quarter-million-strong organisation. The purge may even affect the handful of men and women at the head of the party and bring about the birth of an anti-Cominform Socialist-Communist front.

Giuseppe Di Vittorio, President of the Communist-controlled Italian Labour Federation, with its 500,000 members, has sounded the alarm in a secret circular to leading Reds inside the unions. "Titoism is a disease which, unless immediately checked, can infect the whole political organisation," he warns.

Marshal Tito's offer to give employment to 10,000 Italian soldiers has created a sensation in the industrial North, where every day the unemployment figures rise as one plant after another closes down for lack of capital or shortage of overseas orders.

Italian speakers on the Belgrade radio have begun to attack the Italian Communists and have made some revealing statements on the discussion which goes on behind the facade of party discipline.

Old And New

Here, as in Hungary and in Czechoslovakia, the dispute is mainly between the newly-converted Communists, who preserve their own views as Italian, and the old stalwarts, the "Moscow Man".

Strangely enough, it is a veteran Cominform member, Ercoli, now known by his legal name of Palmiro Togliatti, who is now discredited by Moscow. This plump, bespectacled revolutionary, who looks more like a university don than Italy's Premier, is disliked by such fanatics as Pietro Secchia, vice-president of the party, a one-time metal worker, and Luigi Longo, commander-in-chief of the Red Army. Secchia, who reached his present high position in the Communist hierarchy by plodding loyalty rather than brilliance, makes no secret of his distrust for the young intellectuals coming from the left. Already he has clashed with Togliatti and it is significant that he has been given charge of the new which hunt by the Cominform.

Matter Of Morals

A year ago Secchia and Togliatti clashed over a matter of morals. While welcoming back Togliatti after his escape from an assassin's bullet, Secchia brought up the scandal all Italy was talking about. An over-eager Communist photographer from the Leftist weekly *Grimus* snapped the wounded Togliatti with a grief-stricken woman bending over him.

When the paper, which has one of the largest circulations in Italy, was ready to go on to the newstands a top-line order immense and costly preparations required for a huge amphibious expedition. These have already prompted the political commissar of the East China army to proclaim his inability to meet the revenue and other allotments of the People's Government. Naturally, a corollary to the removal of the blockade would be the restoration of Taiwan's economic link with Shanghai instead of primarily with Japan.

The present regime in Taiwan cannot carry on indefinitely with a huge army to maintain, a shortage of shipping and of outlets, and a dwindling currency reserve. Any American aid will be of a limited character. Outright intervention has been wisely discarded. Autonomy and neutrality would pave the way to a fairly stable understanding, after certain measures for the sake of prestige had been taken. Even the strategic viewpoint would be met by neutralisation in fact—though not necessarily in the form of any open proclamation. That would be hard for Peking to swallow.

Meanwhile we hope it is true that the Nationalist regime in Taiwan is ready to make immediate and drastic internal reforms so as to earn the limited degree of American assistance which may be given. Taiwan is in every way a singularly suitable place for the remnant of the Kuomintang to turn over a new leaf. As a military factor it is finished. But it can still minister to the ideals of Sun Yat-sen. Taiwan is the last refuge left to it. It is also, because of its status as lost territory now recovered, and the autonomous character of its people, an admirable centre for just such a change of heart and of policy.

THE KREMLIN ORDERS: "NO ITALIAN TITOS"

By BRUCE GRANT

was given for every copy to be destroyed. The caption under the cover picture read: "The loving wife of Togliatti watches over her wounded husband." At the last moment a political commissar noticed that the woman was not Madame Togliatti at all but Leonida Totti, his good-looking secretary.

Secchia said that scandal would affect the women's vote, Catholic anti-Communist propaganda makes a great feature of the charge that the Communists will break up the sanctity of the family. It was the women's vote that brought in the Christian Democrats at the last election, and the Communists and Socialists hope to win many of them over at the next.

Shaken Faith

While such events show the surface clash of personalities, deep-set political differences divide the party. The political somersaults of the Communist pundits over Trieste have shaken the faith of many party members.

Communism in Italy mushroomed almost overnight from a tiny underground movement to the second largest party in Italy. Among the two and a quarter million members are many ex-Fascists who are alarmed at the fate of Rajk and other heretics

who have fallen foul of the Kremlin Inquisition.

These have formed an important group inside the party and looked to the brilliant Umberto Terracini, one of the organisation's "Big Six," to lead them. Terracini has been in trouble before for deviationism. At the time of the election in 1948 he was rash enough to tell an American journalist that Italy's Communists did not take orders from Moscow, and added they did not necessarily regard Stalin as infallible.

This heresy drew an immediate pontifical rebuke from the Kremlin, and Terracini was moved from his important post.

The disaffection with the official Cominform leadership is also spreading in the CGIL, the Labour Federation which controls five million members and is the Communist's most powerful arm. Here again the Communist leadership has reversed its policy. After a year of abortive strikes which have lost trade unionists millions of lire in pay stoppages, the Communists are spreading the time has come to collaborate with the present Government and with private industry.

This winter, which all parties agree will be a critical one, as unemployment is spreading throughout the North, will show just how deep is the crack in the Cominform front.

London Comments:

The Problem Of Red Recognition

By "WINDRUSH"

In "Time and Tide," Christopher Buckley has an article on the problem of recognising Communist China. He starts from the principle that recognition is a political convenience. It is not a reward granted in return for good behaviour. It is not to be reserved only for states which are parliamentary democracies.

The ministers of Mao Tse-tung unquestionably constitute the de facto government of China. It is convenient for the West to have relations with them. Recognition must therefore follow.

Any other view, says Mr. Buckley, is unrealistic. "It has been suggested," he says, "that conditional recognition might be granted, subject to guarantees that Communist China would honour international treaties and commitments undertaken by the Kuomintang, that it would refrain from stirring up trouble in South East Asia generally or from support to Communist banditry in Malaya in particular."

"Such a view is the reverse of the realist. The Chinese Communists, knowing that full recognition was on the way, would certainly give in their fees and agree to accept limitations. Nor is it easy to see how such conditions could be rendered binding."

Mr. Buckley is anxious that we should have no illusions about that will follow recognition, even though he favours it. Recognition, will be regarded by Communists all over the world as a major diplomatic victory. It will stimulate the activities of the Communists everywhere in South East Asia.

There is no reason to think that a Communist China, even if recognised by the West, will protect Western business. "There are plenty of indications that Communist China aims at internal self-sufficiency, or self-sufficiency within a Sino-Russian economic bloc. Most significant in this connection was the decision to curtail the industry of Shanghai."

Foreign Enterprise

"Shanghai owes its prosperity during the past 100 years to foreign enterprise and foreign investment, and this deliberate policy of depopulation and partial pastoralisation may be taken as an indication that, just as swiftly as the rigor of economic circumstances permits, Communist China will seek to close the 'window towards the West.'"

"Nevertheless, it will be of some benefit to maintain diplomatic representation at Peking. The value of such a listening post is not to be despised." Mr. Buckley hopes that America will not lag long behind Britain in recognition. To play on Anglo-American discussion is a part of Soviet strategy.

At Tuya Muyun and Taboshar in Central Asia. The main zone of the deposits is in the border area of Tadzhikistan, Uzbekistan and Kirghizia. The deposits were surveyed thoroughly by a geological expedition in 1935 which had been instructed to explore the resources of Central Asia in connection with the second and third Five-Year Plans.

More Finds Made

The "Economist" thinks there is evidence that more extensive finds have been made since the investigation by the 1935 expedition. It adds "It is quite possible, and even probable, that Russia's atomic piles are situated somewhere in the Kirghizia and Tadzhik republics near the sources of raw material. Kirghizia and Tadzhikistan are well sheltered. Those areas have been little known to foreigners and they are protected from invasion by land or attack from the air by the impassable peaks and glaciers of the Tianshan and Pamir-alai mountains. Two peaks symbolically guard the entrance from non-Soviet Asia: Mount Lenin (nearly 24,000 feet high), and Mount Stalin towering even higher, to about 25,000 feet."

The "Spectator" has an article on the new wonder-drug Streptomycin. Until recently its use has been very restricted in England. Now there are large stocks available, purchasable by anybody with a doctor's certificate. America is producing it in huge quantities. A factory for preparing it in Indianapolis has a frontage half a mile long.

Streptomycin is an extract of a fungus. The reason why its use has been discouraged in the past in England is that its effects are still unpredictable. It is used primarily to kill tuberculosis germs. But in killing these germs it is apt to damage the body as well. Administered unskillfully it may cause paralysis.

Streptomycin sometimes has other consequences. Instead of killing tuberculosis germs, it may actually feed and foster them. This happens if the germs withstand its first assault and develop an immunity against it. "If such resistant strains of the germ are passed to other people, the range of streptomycin's impotence will be extended as more and more potential patients develop a type of infection which is immune to its killing power."

"Streptomycin, given at the right moment and combined with other well-established methods of treating tuberculosis, is a life-saving weapon. Given at the wrong time, it may not merely fail to do good, but it may deny that patient, and others in the future, its life-saving power: the cruellest amnesia."

TAIL-PIECE. From the "Spectator": "If you wanted to get a rough idea how many day-trippers had frequented various holiday resorts in the years' holiday season, how would you set about it? The President of the Board of Trade was asked to find out why his country had been enquiring at places like Colwyn Bay and Eastbourne about the receipts from public conveniences—the pennies in the slot, in other words. The answer—you can read it in Hansard—is that this is said to be the best way of computing the number of visitors."

This Fuss Over Simon

By GUY RAMSEY

The hysterical demonstrations over Simon, the late mascot of HMS Amethyst, mark at once the all-time-low of British ferocity (or the pathological love of animals) and the sentimentality into which falls a nation that has lost the rational balance of a reasonable religion.

For Simon, the harmless, necessary cat, has been built up by the BBC announcers, whose well-bred voices developed a sort of space, and by the public at large, into a hero; a hero that went to its grave draped in the selfsame standard that wrapped the embalmed body of Nelson.

Two Questions

I am, I hope, a patriot. I am, I fondly believe, a reasonable human being; and I am, I know, fond of animals. Why is it then, that I recoil from this manifestation of emotionalism as I should from the excesses of a lunatic? If my reaction against Simonology be not as senseless as the Simonology itself I must try to justify it.

This justification involves the consideration of at least two basic questions:

1. The essential difference between Man and the rest of creation; and
2. The nature of patriotism.

By Accident

It is certain that the men who manned the guns of the Amethyst knew nothing of the risks they were aware of the risks. They were inspired by a sense of duty.

It is at least, questionable if Simon, the cat, was governed by any such rational process. He was accidentally in the ship; was accidentally struck; was involuntarily, and not voluntarily, a victim of a catclysism; it is very doubtful he understood.

To treat as a hero, to bedeck with the laurel and the flag, a creature to whom laurel and flag alike mean nothing is, in its essence, senseless. It is "debasement of the spirit."

The adoration of animals is a specifically British trait. It is manifest in the fact that the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is Royal, while the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children is merely National.

Now this unbalance, when kept within due bounds by the corporate conscience of a Christian community (as was Victorian or even Edwardian Britain), meant merely that animals were treated in Britain, on the whole, very much better than they were abroad. That was a mark of civilisation.

But when the difference—the quintessential difference—be-



"Women constables for Hong Kong." The important thing, says Myrtle's grandfather, is how they will react to squeeze.

Only "light drizzles and showers" answered New Yorkers' prayers for rain. The prayers, if nothing else, were apparently all wet.

Shirley Temple's matrimonial disaster seems likely, according to the syndicated puffs, to set off a new wave of teen age divorces in America.

"Want to surprise someone you love?" asks our Kowloon shopping guide. "Go to No. Nathan Road... Sterling silver and Stuart crystal for both ladies and gents and even children are now on display there."

Are all the little darlings for sale? I'd like to surprise Myrtle.

Famous last words.

"We can now trust the Japs," says MacArthur.

I don't want to worry anyone, but a bloke to was reminding me the other night about a mutual acquaintance who received a gaily wrapped flat envelope from his wife last Christmas. Inside was a gift certificate, and when they revived him the card still read: "Gift certificate—to be delivered on or about August 24—a baby boy or girl."

Anrus Ward's release certainly raised Hell among the headline writers.

"We, about to die..." My spy in London reports that Mr. Attlee has enticed Mr. Fraser in New Zealand and Mr. Chifley in Australia. "Morituri te salutamus."

"Can one be happily married?" Certainly—one can.

The editor regrets.

"Fear that a plot or story will be stolen is absurd in the extreme. If it is good enough to be pirated it is good enough to be accepted. Take each individual item and burn thoroughly, making sure that every one is destroyed, so that no possibility of contamination remains."

Britain is apparently persisting in her opposition to a revived German army. If this sort of thing goes on, I can see people objecting to giving Japan a new air force and a stock of atom bombs.

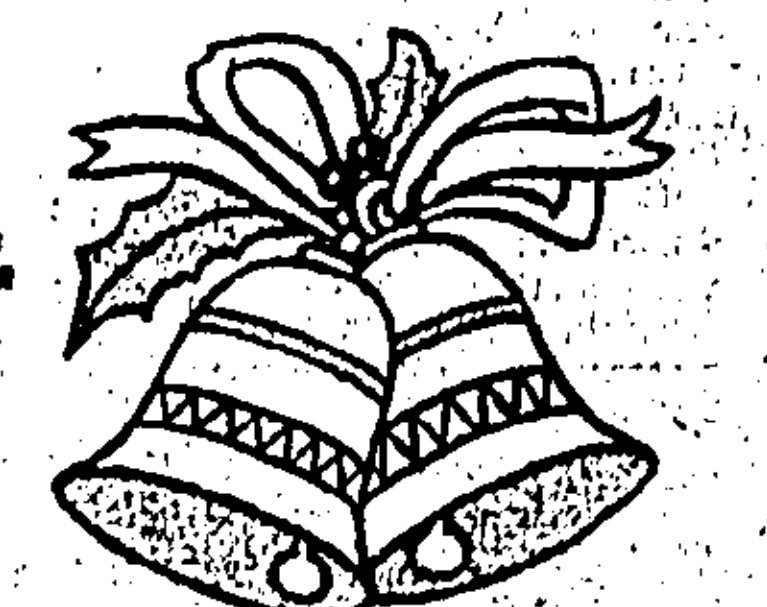
"Tell me, Jack, did you marry me for my money or for my own sake?"

"For my own sake."

Bit watery, perhaps. observation. There was something in his visitor's eyes which puzzled him. Suddenly he realised what it was. It was the whiskey and soda which he had set down, unattended, at the corner of the table.

tween Man and Beast is obliterated, and the irrational and instinctive animal is accorded the identical treatment given to the reasoning and conscious human. It is a mark of the loss of civilisation.

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AMERICAN CAUTION ON AID TO CHINA

Washington Rules Out Direct Military Help POSITIVE ACTION SCOUTED

Washington, December 12.

The United States is likely to move cautiously in giving support to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's defence of Taiwan, his island stronghold against the Chinese Communists.

Diplomatic observers indicated today that for the time being any aid probably will be limited to diplomatic and economic measures. There is no immediate prospect of direct military assistance.

Although Taiwan has recognised strategic importance, the Administration's reported decision is that its defence would not warrant involving the United States directly.

SENATOR'S PLAN FOR TAIWAN

Washington, December 12.

Republican Senator Homer Ferguson said today that the United States should send troops to Taiwan to hold the island against the Communists, if necessary.

He thinks, however, that the Communists will not try to take the island. The United States will only make a strong statement to the effect that it will not allow the Japanese to be a part of the Japanese Empire. Mr. Ferguson called for continued recognition of the Chinese Nationalist Government and said that the United States should bring its influence to bear to prevent any such government from recognizing the Chinese Reds.

He said: "It would be a grave mistake to recognize Communist China. It would mean American surrender in the cold war against Russia."

Mr. Ferguson said that it would be the same as telling the world we have not been sincere in our fight in which we have spent billions against Communism.

The U.S. should most definitely bring every possible pressure to bear on Britain and India to prevent them from recognizing the Chinese Reds, he said.

"The present American policy in the Far East is really inviting an attack on Taiwan by our decision and silence."

Mr. Ferguson said that U.S. recognition of Red China would open the door to Communist control of Indo-China, Burma and Thailand. The elements in these countries, who are resisting Communism, would lose heart and give up if the U.S. recognises the Chinese Reds, he thinks.

The countries of South East Asia would probably not recognize the Chinese Communists if the U.S. did not, he added.

Mr. Ferguson believes that if the Chinese Nationalist Government could just remain in existence on Taiwan, some strong figure would eventually arise to lead the Chinese in overthrowing Communism.

He envisaged a U.S. statement which would declare that Taiwan is a part of the Japanese Empire, and its disposition should await

This has been the general policy in recent months. Nothing has come to light to indicate a change since the National Security Council reviewed the Taiwan issue at a session last week.

It was against this background that officials scanned a Manila report that the Philippine Government has been advised that the United States will take "positive action" to counteract the Communist threat to the island, which is the last major stronghold of the Nationalists.

Mr. Michael J. McDermott, the State Department Press Officer, told reporters he did not know what the Manila report of "positive action" was based on. He was unable to find any official who gave any such information to anyone in the Philippines. Mr. McDermott had no comment on whether this represented official policy.

Generalissimo Chiang is credited with sufficient military force to repel any direct attack from the mainland, but whether he can win support of the refugee-swollen population of more than 5,000,000 is believed by officials to be questionable.

Most of the \$125,000,000 in American arms supplied to the Nationalists last year went to Taiwan. Generalissimo Chiang has an army of 300,000 or more experienced troops, and others have been undergoing intensive training.

Reform Plan

In Taipei, the Nationalist Government was authoritatively reported today as ready to make immediate drastic reforms in Taiwan to earn American economic and diplomatic assistance in holding the island against the Communists. This word came from a high source which may not be named but is close to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The general and joyful Nationalist talk of aid grew from unofficial Washington reports that the United States was prepared to give economic and diplomatic support for the retention of Taiwan.

(While the Washington reports were unofficial and did not deal with military aid, various Nationalist leaders intimated strong

the decisions of the peace treaties before any changes.

Meanwhile, he said, the Nationalist Government would be considered acting as caretaker or trustee for the United Nations. United Press.

optimism concerning possible American help).

Generalissimo Chiang is said in Taipei not to have asked that Taiwan be put under an American protectorate. The authoritative source, however, expressed firm belief in Generalissimo Chiang's full co-operation if the United States would help him keep the island out of Communist hands.

The cost would be low—a most inexpensive investment to help stem Communism the source said, although he mentioned no figures.

Arms Needs

As for reforms, the source said that currency, land and other administrative advancements had been made during the last six months. He said the Government is planning to push political reforms immediately. He said U.S. advice on the scene would be welcome.

This source said that, while he was not fully familiar with arms stocks in Taiwan, arms replenishment was urgent. (This is at variance with various reports from outside Taiwan that the island is heavily stockpiled with military equipment.)

The source said the recent fighting has consumed vast quantities of war supplies and competent American military men on the spot could quickly check what was needed.

He concluded that there were many signs of changing policy towards China which would lead to more positive action and improve the Nationalist morale.

Earlier, in an interview, the Premier, Yen Hsi-shan, said any U.S. aid move would be extremely gratifying.

Going Broke

Tao Hsi-shen, Vice-Minister of Information and close advisor of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, declared: "This news encourages us. To fight for Taiwan is to fight for collective security of the Pacific."

Admiral Kwel Yung-ching, Commander of the Nationalist Navy and leading spirit in the blockade of the China coast, said: "We have been hoping for this for a long time. The United States had informed the Philippines Government that it would take steps to protect Generalissimo Chiang's possession of Taiwan. However, the tenor of the Nationalist statements suggested that the Chinese had heard of the Manila story—which is without confirmation."

High sources which refused to be quoted by name said the Nationalists have spent 200,000,000 of their dwindling hoard of cash in the past six months and are rapidly going broke.

They estimated that the Nationalists will need at least \$1,000,000 a day to carry on the war—and even more if forces still on the mainland succeed in holding out.—Associated Press.

Chinese Reds' Economic Troubles

Lake Success, December 12. Dr. T. F. Tsiang, Chinese Nationalist delegate in the UN, said today that private information from inside China says the Communists are beginning to have economic troubles.

Dr. Tsiang told a reporter the harvest had been bad this year. He said this will be a problem for the Chinese Reds and that his information indicates that other economic troubles are arising. He said the Chinese Communists appear to be in a hurry to get into Indo-China and Burma.

Asked if he had information indicating a Communist invasion of Indo-China and Burma, he said "no." He said the Communists so far appear to be interested in sending arms there and to follow it up with officers to train elements in those territories.—Associated Press.

Chiang Saved By Lu Han

Taipei, December 12.

General Lu Han, the turncoat Governor of Yunnan Province, is credited by a high source with personally keeping Chiang Kai-shek from falling into Red hands.

Responsible quarters reported today that Generalissimo Chiang had intended to go to Kunming, Yunnan capital, but did not do so because of unexpected pressure of conferences. Had it not been for this, Chiang would have been in Kunming when it changed sides on Saturday.

Today's report said there was another factor in Chiang's narrow escape.

His emissary, General Chang Chun, suggested to General Lu that Chiang go to Kunming and discuss making it the Nationalist capital. General Lu flatly refused, saying Chiang should keep away. Then came the coup.

General Chang Chun was put in protective custody for a time. General Lu refused to let him but sent a secretary to tell him to fly away quickly, which he did.

Nationalist chiefs here were heartened by news that Chang Chun had arrived safely in Hong Kong.

A source close to Chiang Kai-shek said the fact that General Lu had released Chang Chun indicated that General Lu himself intended to make a break.

This source said that if General Lu really meant to co-operate with the Reds, he would not have released Chang Chun. General Lu is known to have a visa for travel to the United States.—Associated Press.

OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY IN CHINA

London, December 12.

A Tass Soviet agency despatch from Peking, issued in London today, said that the Hsin Hua (New China) News Agency has been made the official new organ of the Chinese Communist government.

It will release all official news of government action. The China Information Bureau, which is under the Press Administration, will handle all government news for release to foreign newspapersmen, Tass said.

The New China News Agency has long been the official mouthpiece of the Chinese Communist Party.—Associated Press.

London Expects Internal Revolt In Taiwan

London, December 12.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's island fortress of Taiwan is more likely to be wracked from within by internal revolt than by a Communist assault from the Chinese mainland, informed diplomatic sources said today.

These sources said that the British Government, in its approach to recognition of Communist China, would attach little importance to the establishment of a Nationalist capital on the island.

They said that their belief that Taiwan, while militarily strong, would probably collapse from within is based on these factors:—

1. The population of Taiwan, for half a century under Japanese domination, is nevertheless bitterly opposed to the Chiang Kai-shek Government and all it represents. Although unorganised and practically disarmed, the Taiwan natives would welcome and probably join in an uprising against the Nationalists.
2. Nationalist military strength in Taiwan largely comprises the remnants of armies defeated on the mainland and who have filtered back to the island. Most of these troops have families in Communist China and their only thought is to join them at any cost.
3. Chiang is rapidly running out of subordinates whom he can trust.

Defeatist Spirit

Many of his Nationalist officials in Taiwan are described here as waiting to join the Communist victors at the first opportunity.

There are reports that some of Chiang's chief military leaders are ready to give up the fight.

The bulk of military assistance to Chiang's Government in the last year had been concentrated in Taiwan. Shipments intended for Shanghai and North China were diverted there long before the Communist armies reached the Yangtze River.

On the question of arms and supplies, one expert here on Chinese affairs said:

"The Nationalists left in Taiwan probably have more guns and equipment there now than they can possibly use."

Travellers recently returned from the island report warehouses jammed with supplies and arms, most of it contributed by the United States.

Great piles of equipment and supplies are stored in the open because no cover for them is left, these sources said.—Associated Press.

U.S. AND DEFENCE OF HK

Washington, December 12.

Representative Fred Crawford, Republican, who has just returned from a Congressional committee tour of the Pacific and the Far East, today told the United Press that the United States should be prepared to help the British defend Hong Kong.

The U.S., he said, should defend Japan, Okinawa, Taiwan and the Philippines at almost any cost to prevent further expansion of Communism in the Far East.

Mr. Crawford said, "I know of no practical way to separate Japan, Okinawa, Taiwan and the Philippines from the standpoint of defence if war should come some time."

"It would be asinine to do what we are doing in Europe in the way of extending military assistance and not do it in the strategic areas of the Far East."

"As long as we and Britain are allies we should help defend Hong Kong. All these points should be held at almost any cost."

However, I am not advocating holding Hong Kong just for the good of traders there.

Mr. Crawford and members of the Congress who travelled in his party conferred with General MacArthur, Supreme Commander in Japan. Their tour was primarily to study problems involved in governing the U.S. Pacific island possessions and trust territories.—United Press.

RECOGNITION BY INDIA SOON

Madras, December 12.

Mr. K. Pannikar, Indian Ambassador to China, said in Madras today that he expects Indian recognition of the Chinese Communist regime soon.—Associated Press.

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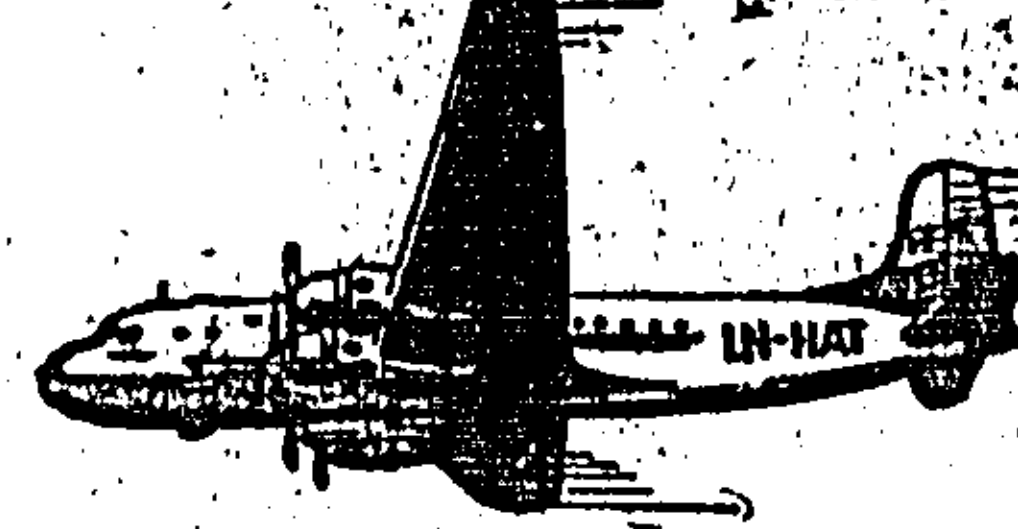
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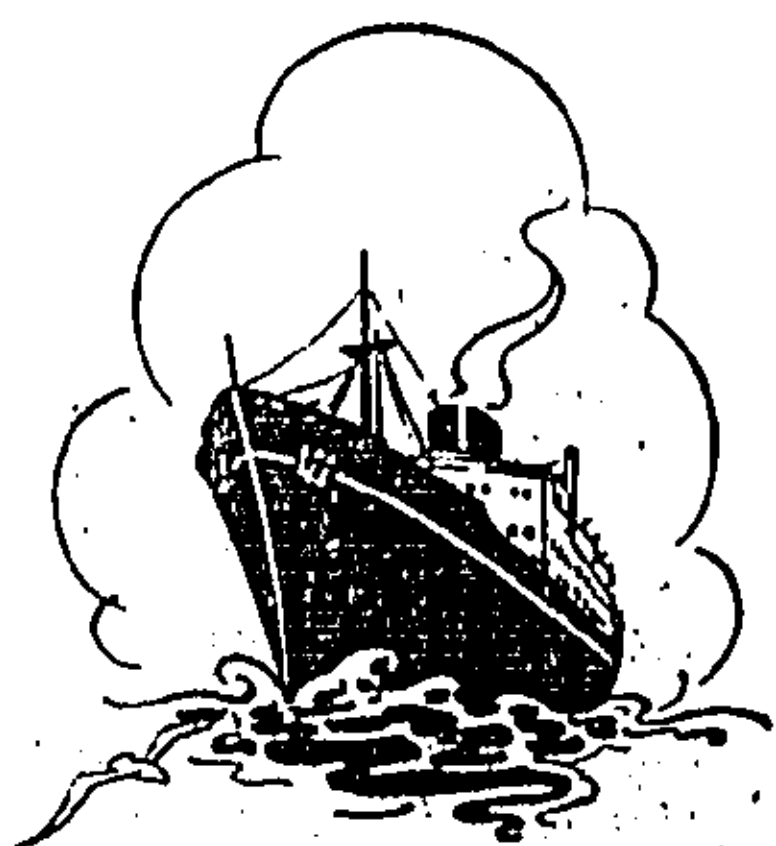
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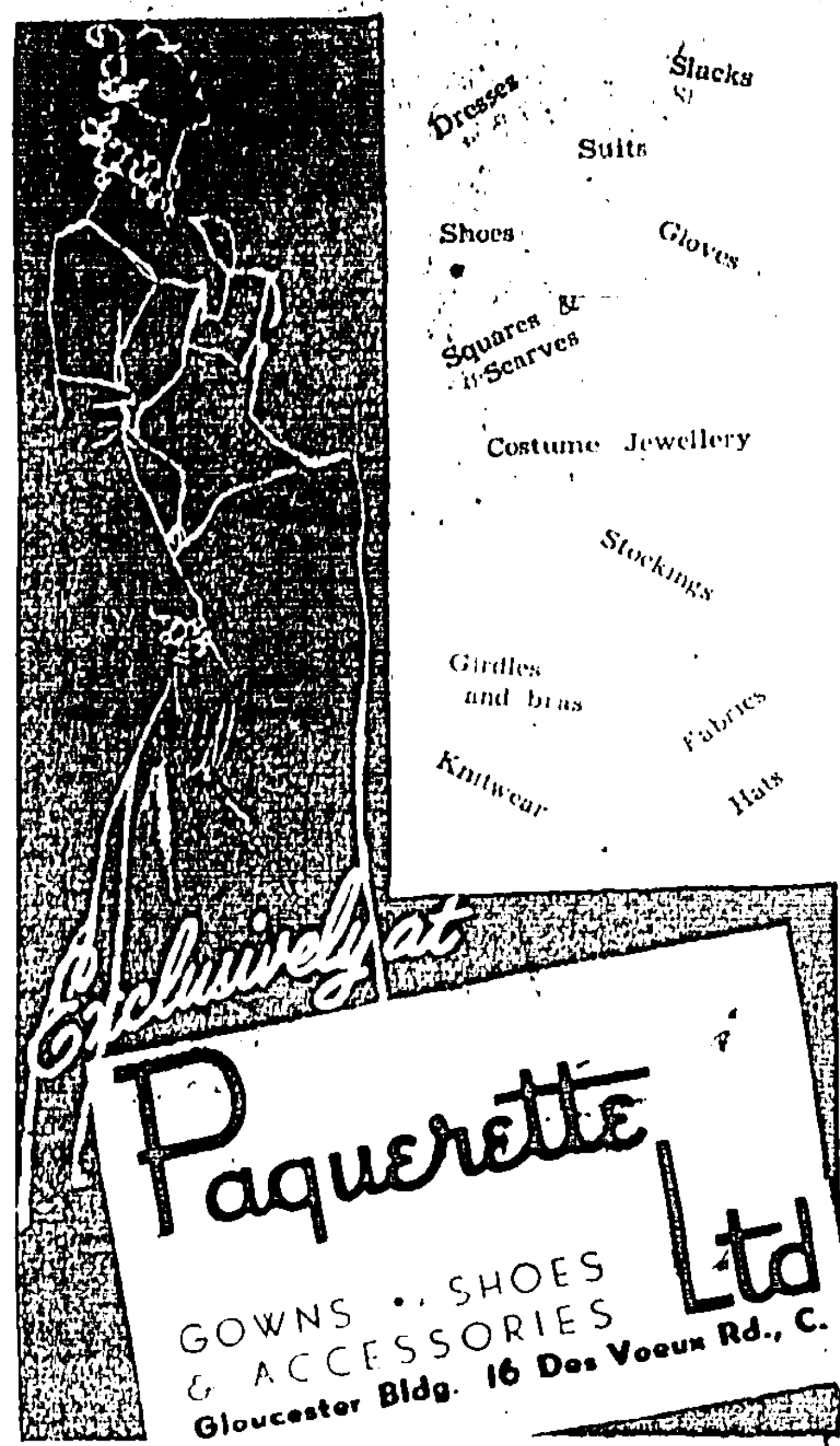
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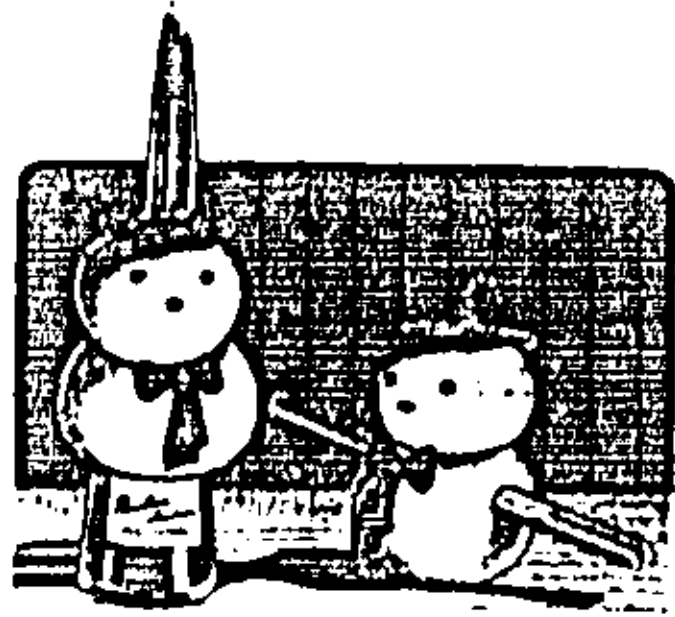
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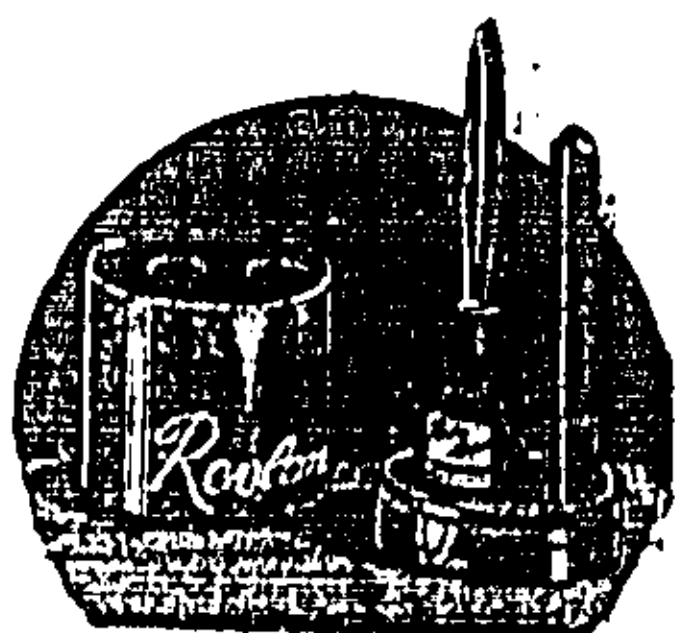
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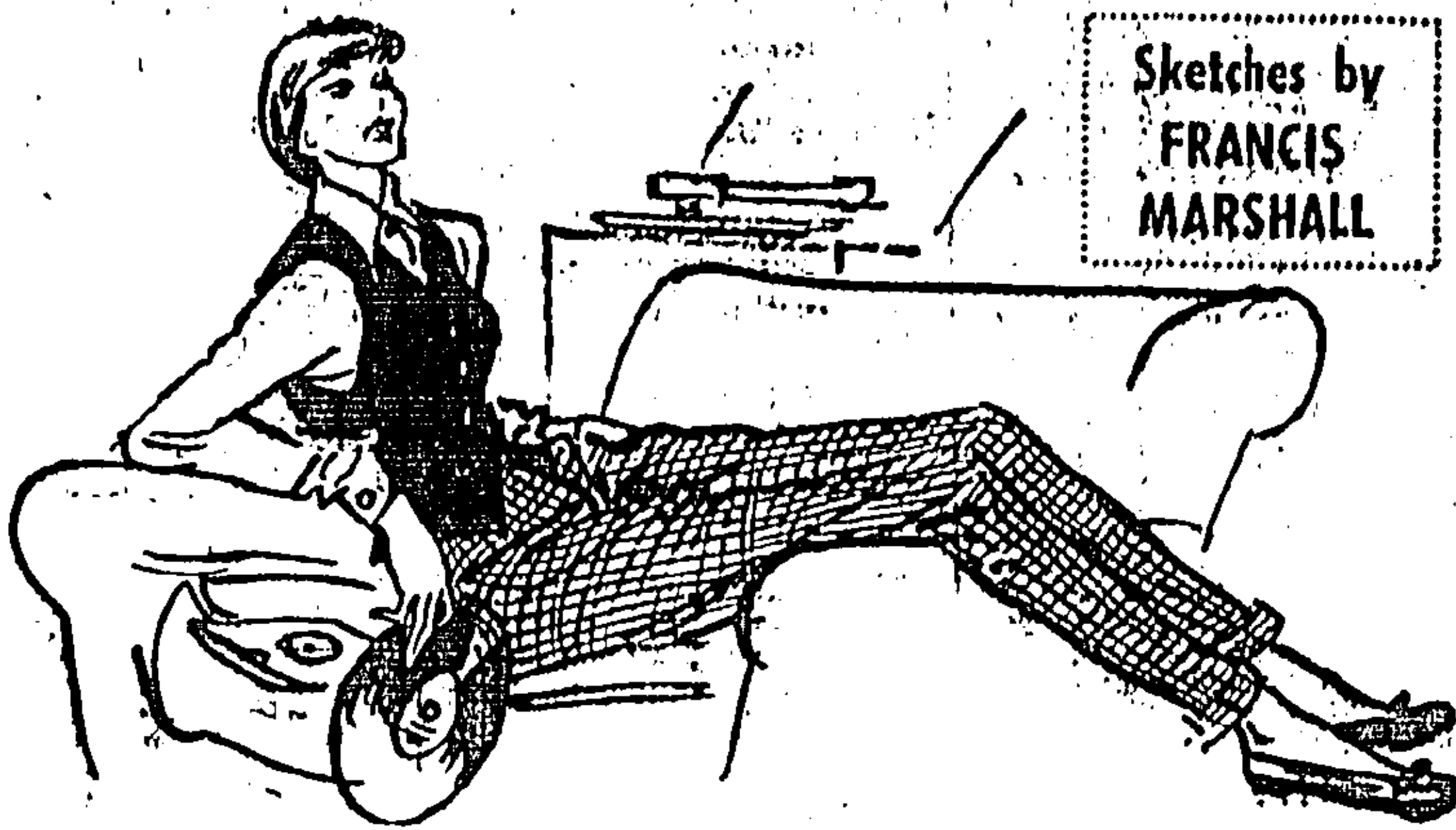
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Teen-Agers Wear The Trousers

By IRIS ASHLEY

This week the accent is on youth—youth relaxing, youth dancing.

We would like to come out in the open right at the start, and say this department has often been quite hasty about ladies wearing trousers. We take an especially strong view of ladies who have much natural upholstery wearing trousers, especially as they are apt to wear high heels as well.

However, there is a time and place for everything. Some types of work call for a trousered female—and some types of play. And a slender girl wearing well-cut trousers can look very elegant indeed roaming the countryside (not in the city, please)—or maybe just lazing by the fire over that long Christmas week-end.

The slacks you see here are much more becoming than usual because of the ankles. A special teenage trick (for indoors, of course) are the soft black ballet shoes which the girl was wearing when she modelled these trousers in a West End sports store.

Her leather waistcoat was mustard colour and her soft skirt blouse is feminine—you don't want to look too much like a boy.

One perfect answer to a maiden's desperate cry, "What shall I take with me for evening?" is the dancing dress designed by Frederick Starke. The bodice is of striped satin—the fine "stripes" are actually all one colour, but have alternating shiny and "matte" surfaces, the effect of which is to catch the light as the wearer moves.

The skirt is full sun-ray pleated not over taffeta and swirls out prettily on the dance floor. The skirt is always black, but the bodice is made in blue, pink, or yellow-gold.

Latest thing in evening wear from America is in "Alice in Wonderland" shaped head-dresses. The idea is to dress up and glamorise a cropped head. A gold-plated metal arc studded with rhinestones is one style. Another is an arc of single stones ending in a large jewelled spray over one ear.

While you are waiting for these fashions to arrive, why not sew a few coloured jewels (glass ones) on to a band of ribbon 2 1/2 in. wide and just pin it at each side—you can't tie it if you have really short hair.



Nylon Thread For Home Use

Nylon thread for home sewing, in a wide range of colours, is now being made in Britain. Called "Nylec", it can be bought in black and white and in 22 other shades, including bright colours and many pastels for lingerie.

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Nylon thread has the same laundering qualities as other nylon goods; it is easy to wash, dries quickly and can be pressed satisfactorily with a fairly cool iron.

When machining nylon fabrics, the tension of both the needle-thread and the bobbin-thread should be loose, to guard against seam puckering. Use the finest and sharpest needle you have, and do not stretch the material.

Nylon fabrics need generous seams; three-quarter-inch turnings should be allowed when you are cutting out. Seam edges should never be left raw, as they may ravel. French seams or felled seams are best. Do not attempt to break off nylon threads; it is much too strong. Cut it with sharp scissors.



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The New Winter Wardrobe

By JANE WORTH

Whether you like it or not, it has happened to some of us. The debutante slough is back.

This is more a matter of the new French silhouette than the tired look. Dior and Paquin bloused the backs of some of their suits and Dior, especially, added full front draperies to the skirts. Add a cinched-in waistline with a sturdy leather belt and natural shoulders and you see what you have.

Then there is the gamine haircut that looks as though the little woman had carelessly snipped her own tresses. It really is quite an artful job and in harmony with what has become known as "the casual elegance" for day.

In the evening, the French have added lacquered braids of hair which must be seen to be appreciated. We'll be seeing them any evening now.

Now comes the frankly feminine belief that "a rose a day keeps your troubles away". This important solo rose is tucked into the little pocket over the heart and some of the new pockets come almost to the shoulders. So the shade of the lipstick and the colour of the rose are carefully matched. Even newer is the single rose worn at the throat where the winged or Eton collar meet. And definitely yes, the lipstick shade must match.

Latest news flashes in jewellery include the modest idea of wearing the best diamond clip on the lining of the coat. You figure that one out. The single earring makes sense. What to do with the remaining earring when its mate has been lost has always been a problem, especially when the earrings were sentimental treasures.

Just Wear One

Well, the milliners have come to the rescue of the single earring collectors, tipped little hats so only one earring shows anyway. Otherwise, just wear one earring—it's the mood of the moment.

But, before settling down comfortably to a one-earring winter, how about those dazzling Victorian chandeliers that the chic French women wore with their lacquered braids in the evening? They sparkled from the ear to the shoulder. And wedding bands are not only getting wider but more of a jeweled display than ever.

Shoes in the evening are practically a sole, a heel and a daintily wound ankle strap. The fashion wizards are pointing toes and then cutting the vamp as if to display the normal foot. Flats, wedges and platform shoes continue to add variety to slon styles and the conservatives can now pace the pavements in good English-type walking shoes while wearing their tweeds and be in step with fashion.

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Chop the cold meat finely. Flavor with salt, pepper and curry powder. Blend with the Worcestershire sauce. Cream the potatoes well. Add the flour, salt, pepper and bind together with beaten egg yolk.

Turn onto a floured board, roll out thinly. Cut into squares. Glaze each square with a little white of egg. Place a little of the meat mixture in the centre of half the squares. Top with remaining squares and press the edges together. Glaze with white of egg.

Place on a well-greased flat tin and bake in a hot oven, temp. 375 deg. F. gas, 500 deg. F. electric, 15 to 20 minutes. Serve at once with hot brown gravy or tomato sauce.

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MEDIATOR PROPOSED IN KASHMIR DISPUTE

SPLIT IN ISRAEL PARTY

Tel Aviv, December 12.
Today's meeting of the Israeli Parliament was postponed at the last moment after it became clear that the Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion's Mapai Labour Party is split over the decision regarding Jerusalem decided upon at Sunday's Cabinet meeting.

The Israeli Government on Sunday decided after 24 hours deliberation that in spite of the United Nations vote for the internationalisation of Jerusalem, the Israeli Government will proceed with transferring Minister and Government offices to Jerusalem and start also with the transfer of Parliament there.

As to the future status of Jerusalem, the Government's decision is reported to content itself with the declaration that Jerusalem was and will remain the capital of Israel without proclaiming Jerusalem as capital immediately.

The Government decision was taken by a majority vote and some members of the Parliamentary Mapai group supported the Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, and the Finance Minister, Mr. Kaplan, who demand more moderate policy in the Jerusalem question.

The Parliament session was postponed until Tuesday and the Prime Minister, David Ben Gurion, appeared before tonight's meeting of his Parliamentary group to bring about an agreed policy. Associated Press.

American Budget Forecast

Washington, December 12.
President Truman's 1951 budget appeared certain today to equal or surpass the present spending level of \$42,500,000,000.

Unless taxes are raised it will be a deficit budget with expenditures exceeding receipts by about \$5,500,000,000.

There has been no hint from White House on whether Mr. Truman will include a proposal to raise taxes in the 1951 budget he submits to Congress next month. But Mr. Frank Pace, Jr., budget director, has been talking that language.

And President Truman himself has said in the past that his budget's "tight" spending cannot be trimmed and that only higher taxes can bring them into balance. Many believe that any tax increase almost surely would be turned down by Congress in election year.—United Press.

TELEVISION IN HOLLAND

The Hague, December 12.
Holland is to build a television transmitter next year and to put television receivers on the market. Mr. D. G. W. Spitz, Minister of Transport, announced today.

It is also hoped, he said, to exchange television films with other countries.—Reuter.

Lake Success, December 12.
The United Nations Kashmir Commission today recommended that the Security Council appoint a mediator to bring India and Pakistan together on all unresolved issues over Kashmir. The Commission, in its third interim report to the Council, expressed doubt that the five-member Commission was the "most flexible and desirable instrument to continue in the task."

The report said that the presence of large numbers of troops in the State is not conducive to the creation of a peaceful atmosphere.

The demilitarisation of the State is essential to permit the holding of a free and unfettered plebiscite, the report added.

Peaceful settlement of the Kashmir issue is imperative, it said, and the Commission believes that it can be reached.

After giving a pictorial review of the case, the report listed the three main problems in the dispute as follows:

Other Factors
(1) Disposal of the Azad (Free) Kashmir forces.
(2) Withdrawal of Indian-Pakistan regular forces from the State.
(3) The question of the Northern areas.

The Commission also pointed out that certain other factors, difficult to evaluate, may have their effect on the attitude of the Indian and Pakistan Governments.

These are adjustments yet to be made on various territorial, military, financial and humanitarian questions resulting from the partition of the sub-continent.

**India Approves
Mediation**

In London, it was made clear today that India will support United Nations mediation over the whole field of the Kashmir dispute during the coming hearing of the dispute by the Security Council.

This was stated by Sir Gopal Shankar Bajpai, the Secretary-General of the Indian External Affairs Ministry, before his departure by air for New York today.

Sir Gopal Shankar Bajpai, accompanied by the Indian Deputy Home Minister for Kashmir, Mr. Dhur, left today for the United States to attend the United Nations Security Council, which is now expected to consider the Kashmir dispute on the basis of the report of the United Nations Kashmir Commission on December 17 or 19.

Sir Gopal preferred not to comment on the report's contents or recommendations beyond reaffirming that India's approach to a settlement in Kashmir, as recently outlined in London by the Prime Minister of India, Pandit Nehru, remains unchanged.

Pandit Nehru favours mediation as the only possible means to a quick and peaceful solution. The alternatives, he said, are a continuation of war, which India rules out, or a prolongation of the existing deadlock, which would do nothing to advance a lasting settlement.

In restating his Government's support of the principle of mediation, Sir Gopal explained that in the Indian view this mediation should cover the whole dispute and not merely be confined to the question of demilitarisation in Kashmir by an agreed programme of troop withdrawals.

While in London, Sir Gopal met Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, the Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, and Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, today.—Reuter.

Grenade Incident In Asmara

Asmara, December 12.
Two Eritreans on bicycles pitched hand-grenades which failed to explode today at three leading members of the Nationalist Independence Bloc outside the door of the Italian Independents' meeting place.

Earlier today, all Italian journalists in Asmara, along with Reuters' correspondent, and the British Public Information Officer, received letters, signed "Eritrean Patriots," warning them not to interfere with the people's aim to link up with the "mother country, Ethiopia."

The letter said that they might otherwise share the fate of "other massacred Italians."—Reuter.

Espionage Trials In Poland

Warsaw, December 12.

The first of a series of espionage trials against French nationals in Poland will start this week in Wrocław (Breslau). West Poland, General Wiktor Gross, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, announced here today.

The French accused are a woman, Yvonne Bassaler, and Basil Boukossif, both former employees of the French Consulate in Wrocław, and Joseph Feldelsen, a French workman.

Bassaler and Boukossif were arrested in March this year and Feldelsen was arrested in April.

Three Poles will appear at the same trial, charged with aiding in the establishment of a French espionage network in Poland.

The French accused were told that they can choose a defending lawyer when they were handed the indictment last Saturday afternoon. General Gross stated that all French now held in Polish prisons will face espionage trials with the exception of the French Vice-Consul, M. Boitte, who was detained as a reprisal for the arrest in France of the Polish Vice-Consul in Lille.

This will be the first trial of foreigners in post-war Poland on espionage charges.—Reuter.

Vatican City, December 12.
Pope Pius today conferred palliums—circular bands worn about the neck, breast and shoulders at special feasts and ceremonies—on the Archbishop of Manila.—Associated Press.

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UN DISCUSSION ON INDONESIA

Lake Success, December 12.

The Soviet Ukraine today demanded that the United Nations Security Council reject the Hague agreement, which resulted in the emergence of the United States of Indonesia, and to appoint a commission to begin now investigations in the East Indies.

Andrew Galagan (Ukraine) proposed the discard of the Hague decisions in a resolution opposing a measure offered by General A. G. L. McNaughton (Canada).

The latter hailed the successful conclusion of the Dutch Indonesian talks and welcomed the establishment of the sovereign state of USI.

Dr. J. H. van Royen (Netherlands) told the Council that the Netherlands intends to propose the East Indies as a member of the United Nations immediately after the transfer of sovereignty from Holland to Indonesia on December 27.

The Ukrainian resolution called upon the Security Council to order:

1. Withdrawal of Dutch troops in Indonesia to the position they held last December.
2. Freeing of political prisoners held by the Dutch and command the Netherlands to end its alleged "reign of terror."
3. The appointment of a new commission, comprising members of the Security Council, to go to Indonesia and implement Points 1 and 2 of the Ukrainian resolution.

Dutch Tribute

4. A Report by the new commission within three months on the establishment of independence and sovereignty for Indonesia.

5. Immediate dismissal of the existing UN commission of Good Offices for Indonesia. This was the same resolution proposed both in the General Assembly and in its main Political Committee by the Ukrainian Foreign Minister, Dmitri Manuilsky. Both groups refused to take action on the grounds that the United Nations Charter precluded Assembly action on any matter still on the Security Council's agenda.

Dr. van Royen praised the "constructive statesmanship" of the Indonesian delegates to the Hague conference and paid tribute to the aid given by the UN commission in reaching agreement.

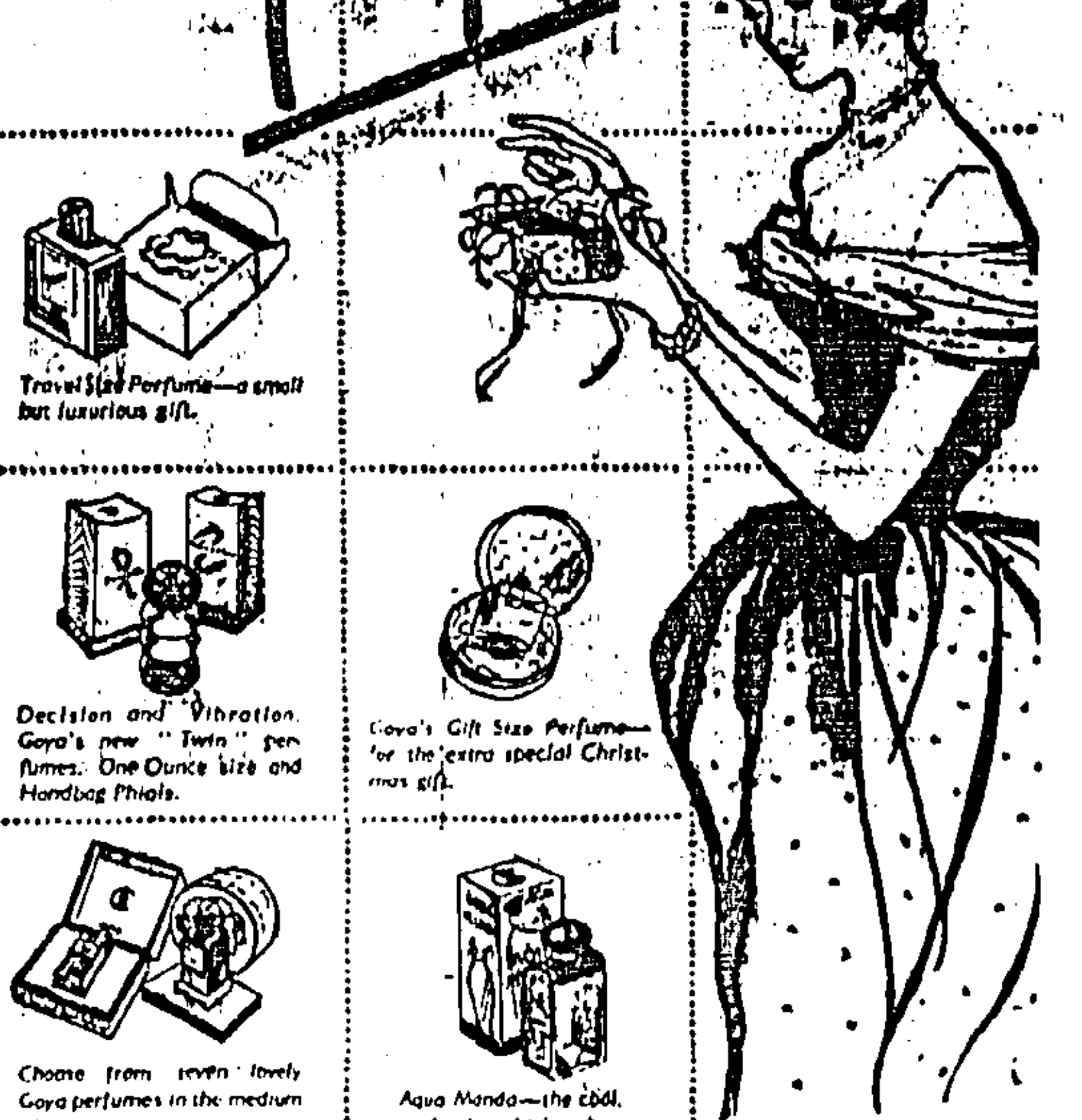
He said the main results of the Hague agreement were:

1. Indonesia would obtain unconditional, complete and real sovereignty.
2. The Netherlands-Indonesian union, based on the USI, would provide a firm basis for enduring friendship of great mutual advantage.
3. The world would gain the benefits of peace and order in an important area, where peaceful progress can provide new guarantees against forces which thrive on disruption and chaos.

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L. N. Palar, representing the Indonesian republic, said it was clear that the Netherlands-Indonesian union would be an organ of two individual, fully sovereign states, which shall be utilized by the two partners for co-operation within fields of mutual interest.

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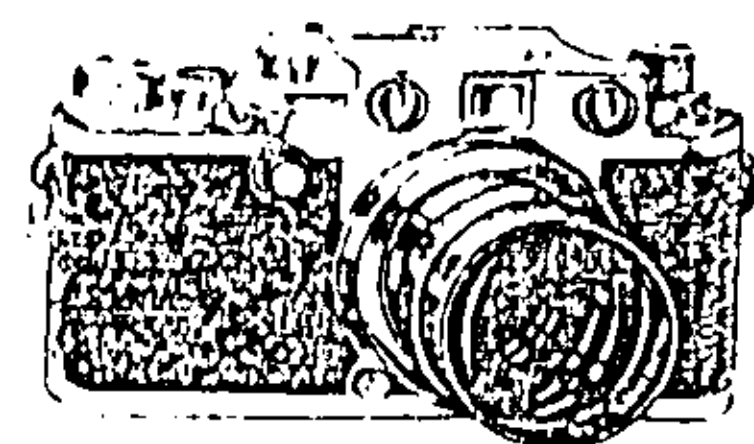
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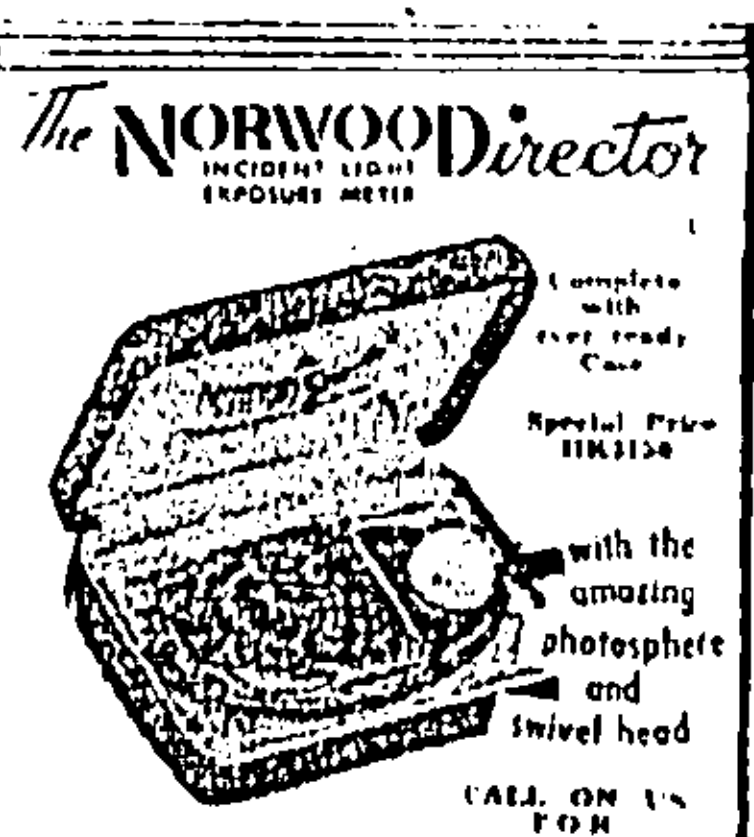


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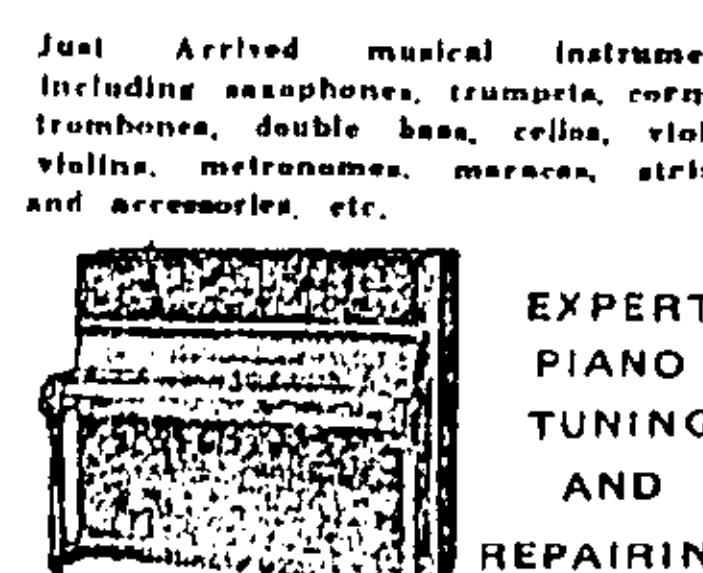
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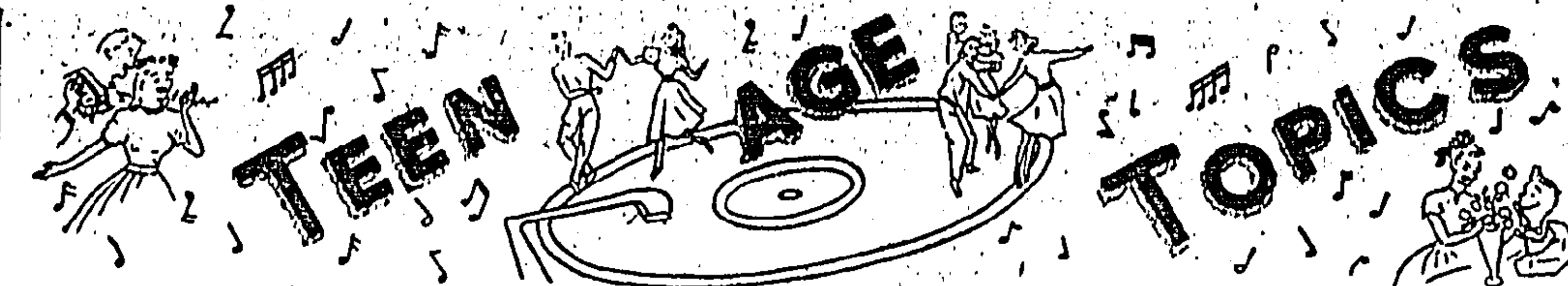
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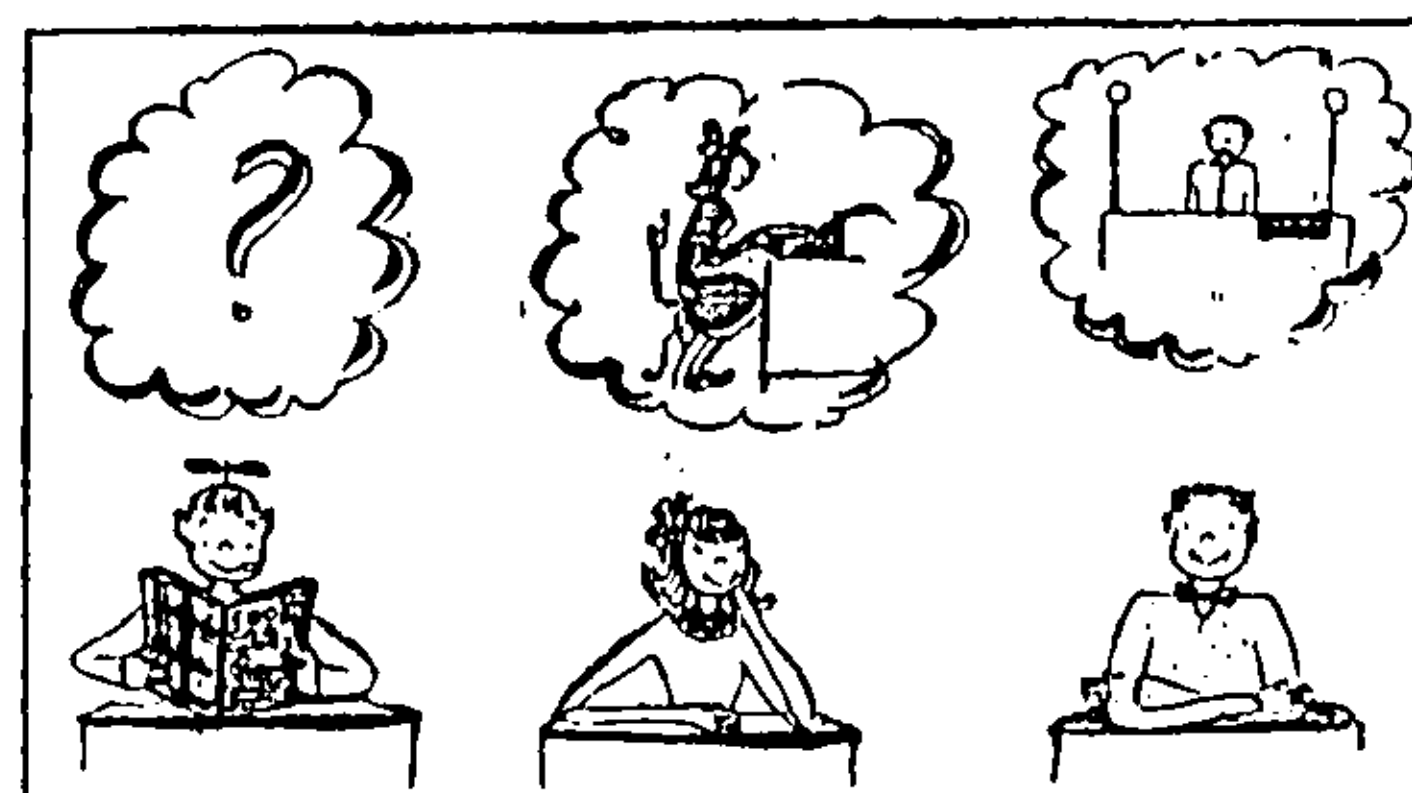
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Career Book-Part I

Hitch Your Wagon To A Star

By BETTY BETZ



Remember the kind old ladies who used to chuck you under the chin when you were a kid and say, "And what do you want to be when you grow up?" It's funny how much easier it was to answer that question when you were in the lollipop set than it is now that career days are just around the corner.

Don't worry if you still don't know the answer. As long as you're thinking about what you'd like to do for a living and making a certain amount of sense in trying different courses in school and extracurricular activities, you'll find, one of these days, that there's something you like to do more than anything else.

Remember that practically every other teen age girl and boy who ever was, has been in your spot. This is your trying and testing-out period. Talk to your teachers and school counselors; discuss different jobs with your parents, relatives and friends. If you think you have an inkling of what you'd like to do, try to find someone who's in that field and ask them about its problems and possibilities. See your librarian for recommended books on the field that temporarily intrigues you. If possible, try to get a part-time job in that field after school hours also read its trade magazines. And above all, don't worry.



I Get Set

Going places some day? We all hope to, and you young career-minded people who are still in school should start thinking about it now! You're never too young to draft a rough layout of the career you'd like to follow up some day, and even if you change your mind several times before actually starting work, you're still ahead of those who, after graduation, fall into the first job which comes along.

Hold on, you teen agers still in school! Even though your actual working days may seem a long way off, remember that almost everyone in this world who has succeeded has laid some ground work while passing final exams.

Let's sit down and take stock of your assets. You yourself are a good judge of your abilities, tastes, interests and the things which you don't do so well. Of course, there are thousands of jobs to choose from, which could be narrowed down to hundreds of different fields, so let's generalize and jot down the different ones which interest you.

Many Fields to Choose

They may be engineering, science, art, business or law. Now, that's a pretty large order and you certainly can't follow up every one of those careers unless you're Superman, but if we list them, we're certain to be able to weed out the ones with less appeal.

For fun, let's call them "exploratory fields" so that if you happen to change your mind, there's nothing lost, and at least a little knowledge gained. It's difficult to ask teen agers ex-



actly what they want to be, because there are many jobs in the field suited to them which they don't even know about.

Sometimes you only discover them by giving an office, factory or workshop the once-over. Anyway, if we generalize now, we can always specialize later.

What's on your mind? You think you might like to become a famous scientist some day? With all the new developments in rubber and plastics these days, there is certainly a good opportunity for you if you play your cards right. But why wait until you

graduate from school to get back-ground and experience?

If chemistry is your field, you'll probably prefer to spend your free time in the laboratory after classes. These extra experiments you've tried would be kid stuff to a lab specialist at Goodyear, but they're valuable to you because they give you experience in working out problems by yourself.

Let's say you're a girl with a flair for fashion which is noticed by all your friends. You dress well, you like pretty clothes, you find yourself poring through every fashion magazine you can get your hands on. It's likely that eventually you'd stand a good chance of finding a job in the fashion field. Just what would interest you? There are many phases, and only you yourself know what will make you happy after looking them over while you're still in your teens.



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The Editor Talking...

Many people in many volumes of etiquette books have tried to define the meaning of good manners. And many, many more people pay thousands of dollars to buy these books to find out how society expects them to do the right thing at the right time, or say the right thing; and how to do or say it.

Good manners is really an extremely simple matter. One can define it quite well in just a few words. The essence of good manners is to refrain from any action, word or deed that might cause discomfort, embarrassment or disgust to your fellows. And if one keeps in mind this simple formula, the rest falls in pattern quite easily.

Some people think if they do not know all the tedious details of a table ritual, they do not have good manners. Others think themselves inferior in education when they are stumped for words when introducing or being introduced. Etiquette writers all have stereotyped procedure and regulations for such incidents and indeed they

are helpful if you can make it a point to remember and practice them constantly.

But supposing you are of the type that does not wish to be bothered with books, and still like to please your company with the right behaviour. Let's consider these two particular examples.

When eating at a home where table customs are completely foreign to your own, always make it a point to be honest about things.

There is a meal that you have never eaten before and do not know how to attack it, so say cheerfully: "Now how should I go about this?"

Your hosts will swiftly come to your rescue and show you how they do things.

This will save you from being awkward as much as it would your hosts, who are just as concerned about you as you about them. And, in a happy state of affairs will permit the meal to proceed without tension and counter-tension.

The same principle is applicable to introductions or to any other

Quite up chaps and meet Milantia Cliftide Duplath, otherwise known as just "Milly." Our teen age personality this week is the school organizer type, reads all books, sits in the cinema and cooks. Incidentally, Milly is just 18.

She was born in Shamcen, Canton, and has moved about often enough to be tired of it. As a result, Milly has had many "old schools." Her present one is the Maryknoll Convent School where she is Class Captain, President of the School Book Club, and Secretary of the Holy Ghost House. Milly, at present is busy planning social functions for her class mates and fellow members of the Lending Library.

Musically, Milly favours the long-hair side of the notes and is uncompromisingly critical of

situation that requires words to break the ice. Say anything friendly that comes to your mind. Always remember that whatever your words are, it is your own sincere feelings that show themselves. So no matter what a wonderful piece of rhetoric you may be capable of, unaccompanied by a genuine friendly or kind regard, it is worthless and easily detectable.

Good manners is a spontaneous kindly feeling and regard for others. And this can come only from within yourselves.

PERSONALITY



MILLY and FRIEND

"sounds they call Bebop live." She is proficient in number of things which include sketching, cooking, (Milly speaks in Portuguese dishes) "just plain talking." Her favourite singer is Bing Crosby, and Tyrone Power and Larry Parks are favourite actors.

Milly's ambition is to be a teacher some day. She intends to enroll in the Northcote Training College after her schooling is completed. When asked in this interview if there was anything she would like to do some day, Milly shyly said that she had a secret ambition to write. school, her favourite subjects, English, Dramatics and History.

POP

HE HAS BEEN INJURED IN TWO OR THREE PLACES. HADAM!



GOOD—THAT WILL TEACH HIM NOT TO FREQUENT PLACES OF THAT SORT!



Out-of-place remark

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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



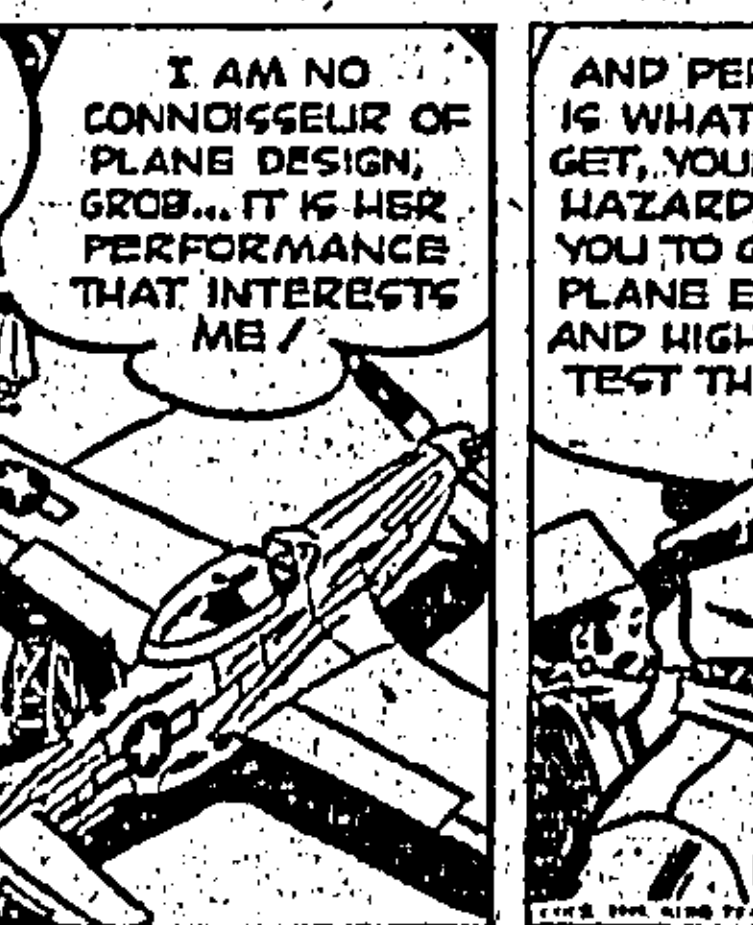
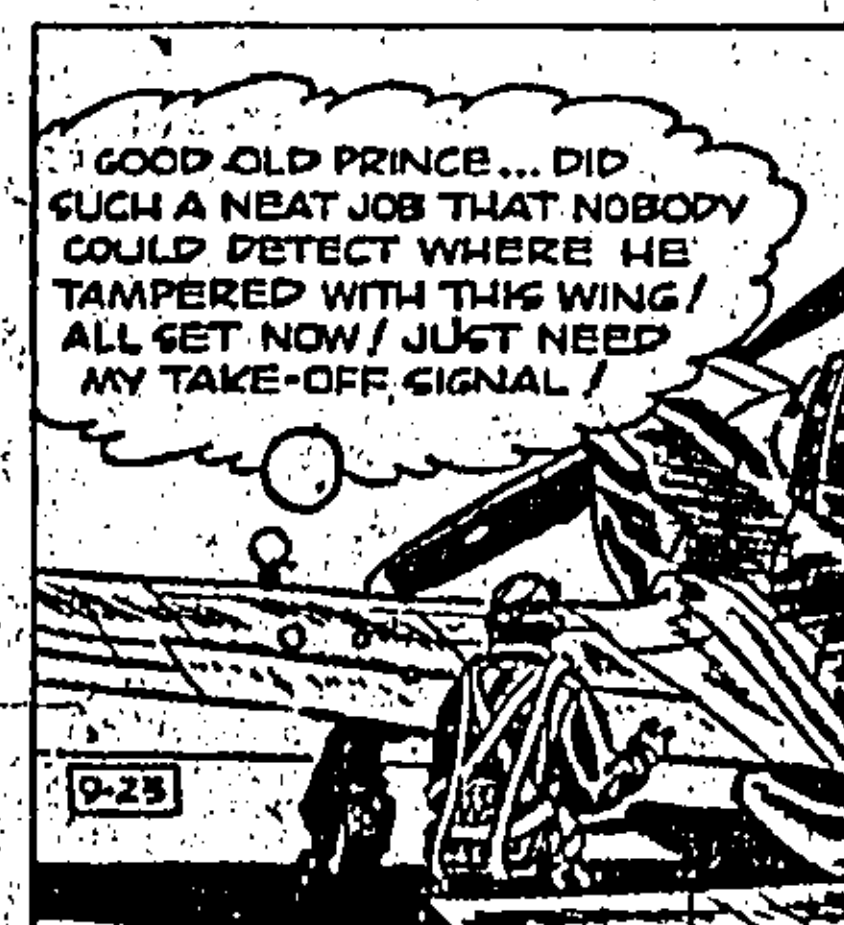
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Christian Leaders Visit HK

Dr. Visser't Hooft and the Reverend Mr. C. W. Ranson, who participated in the recent East Asia Conference of the World Council of Churches, have arrived in the Colony.

At St. John's Cathedral tomorrow, Dr. Visser't Hooft will address a public meeting on the Conference. The meeting will be held at 5.30 p.m.

The Rev. Dr. W. A. Visser't Hooft, a native of Holland, is well known as the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, which held its first meeting at Amsterdam in September 1948.

He was for many years a secretary of the World Student Christian Federation, and in that capacity has visited most parts of the world.

The Rev. Mr. C. W. Ranson is British and is now General Secretary of the International Missionary Council, with headquarters in New York. For many years he was a missionary in India and was on the staff of the National Christian Council there.

Dr. Visser't Hooft and Mr. Ranson have participated in a conference in Bangkok, attended by about 70 delegates from the Protestant churches of East Asia. The Conference was under the joint auspices of the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council.

At the public meeting tomorrow he will give information about the World Council of Churches and about the recent Bangkok Conference.

The two visitors will also meet separately in Hong Kong. During their stay, Dr. Visser't Hooft and Mr. Ranson are the guests of Dean A. P. Rose.

Manslaughter Charge

Charles D. Chang, aged 29, residing at the Chinese YMCA, was committed to the Session by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Central yesterday on a charge of manslaughter.

Accused was alleged by the prosecution to have killed Yam Ming, an office boy, at Room 509, Marina House, fifth floor, on November 29 in the course of a fight.

Detective Sub-Inspector Baggett conducted the case for the prosecution and Mr. A. S. L. Lau was for the defence.

RADIO

Radio Hong Kong broadcasts on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 11 metre band.

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12.15—Morning Prayers (Studio)

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12.32—Rapids and Landscapes (Piano duets)

12.45—"From the Films"

1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements

1.25—Interlude

1.32—London Studio Concert—New London String Ensemble

1.45—"Hand Call"—Variety Orchestra with Dennis Wright. (BBC7B)

2.00—Close Down

6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme by Dennis Wright. (BBC7B)

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What you should know about Christmas

THE first law about Christmas in the U.S. forbade the Statute of the Puritans in Massachusetts Bay colony, 1659-81, imposed fines for observance of December 25, on the ground it was sacrilegious!



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Tenancy Case Dismissed

A Supreme Court action for recovery of possession of certain premises on the grounds that the inmates were trespassers was dismissed yesterday when the Court ruled otherwise.

The Senior Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Williams, held that the recipients concerned were still legal tenants in spite of having temporarily moved out as a result of a closure order affecting the house.

Mr. V.J.L. D'Alton, counsel for plaintiffs, admitted towards the close of hearing that as no valid notice had been served to the inmates and in view of the provisions of the Ordinance, he found it not possible to go on with the case.

Plaintiffs, Chan Kwok-chi, Chan Shui-jim and Chan Man-ping, are the owners of 137 Queen's Road East, the disputed premises. Mr. J. C. Stewart instructed Mr. D'Alton on their behalf.

Defendants were Tang Ching-po, tenant of the ground floor, and Tong Kuen principal tenant, and other occupiers of the first floor. They were not legally represented and attended in person.

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ss. Taiping Arrives From Sydney

The arrival of the ss. Taiping yesterday was not without the usual happy reunions.

Beside the big family meetings, there were two conspicuous reunions when Mrs. A. Holland and Mrs. J. Soutar met their respective husbands at Kowloon Wharf after months of separation.

The happiest person aboard the "B. and S." liner yesterday was in fact Squadron Leader C. J. Soutar who met Baby Fiona Mary for the first time.

Baby Fiona, who cuddled herself comfortably up in her cot and received the paternal greetings nonchalantly, was born in Sydney on October 22. She is returning to join her father, who is Senior Medical Officer of the Royal Air Force, at Kai Tak.

Mrs. Soutar, hailing from Essex, left the Colony some time in June.

Baby Fiona was the youngest passenger aboard the Taiping and the trip from "Down Under" evidently did not bother her at all. She was hale and hearty when disembarking for the first time on Hong Kong soil yesterday.

Mrs. A. Holland, who was separated from her husband shortly after their marriage, was another happy passenger.

Returning after home leave with his family was Captain A. Bones, No. 2 Superintendent of Kowloon Wharf.

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Justifiable Homicide Verdict

A verdict of justifiable homicide was returned by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday at an inquest into the death of Wong Lo-kat, aged 28, who was shot and killed by the police at Wong Chau Village, Ping Shan District, on October 2.

Detective Police Constable Yu Siu giving evidence said that deceased, wanted by the police in connection with a series of armed robberies in the New Territories since June, was finally cornered on the evening of October 2 at the Wong Chau Village temple by a party of police under the direction of Detective Sub-Inspector W. B. Scragg of the Ping Shan Station.

On hearing that deceased was sitting in front of the temple, witnesses were told to take up position at the rear right corner of the temple with Detective Chan Kwong, while the rest of the party went around the left corner in an attempt to arrest the deceased.

Before they separated the police were instructed to exercise caution as deceased was known to be always armed, sometimes also with a hand grenade, and had uttered threats to kill as many police as he could.

Before Mr. Scragg's party reached the front of the temple deceased came around the corner with a revolver in one hand and a torch in the other.

Witness shouted to deceased to put up his hands and at the same time identified himself as a police officer. He saw deceased raise his gun. Witness then opened fire with his Sten.

Deceased started to run toward the darkness. He again called to him to stop. Failing to get a response he emptied his magazine at him. This was followed by another burst of fire from Detective Chan Kwong's Sten gun.

Dr. Pang Ting-cheung, Police Surgeon, who performed the post mortem, said that death was caused by haemorrhage from multiple internal injuries.

Appeal Against Eviction Order

Judgment on an appeal against a decision of a Tenancy Tribunal was reserved yesterday at the Appeal Court by Mr. Justice Gould, Puisne Judge. The appeal, brought by Lau Nai-lam, of 15 Dragon Terrace, first floor, is based on the grounds that the decision was against the weight of evidence and wrong in law.

The appellant was represented by Mr. B. A. Rernacchi on the instructions of A. S. K. Lau and Company.

The first respondent, Wong Yau-king, of 7 Dragon Terrace, first floor, was represented by Mr. John McNeill and Mr. D.A.L. Wright, instructed by Mr. F. D. Hammond. A third respondent, Wong Suk-chun, of 8 Bay View, was not legally represented.

The appeal was against

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New York Stock Exchange

New York, December 12. A late surge of buying jerked the stock market out of a narrow range today and sent it forward by fractions to around two points. The impetus was given by corporate reports showing gains in production for numerous manufacturers. Transfers 1,380,000 shares.

Among gainers were Warner Brothers, Zenith, Union Pacific, Santa Fe, United Aircraft, Philco, Armour, Gulf Oil and Paramount Pictures.

Most active stock was a loser. Benquet Consolidated Mining closed at 1-1/2 down 1/4.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 70.08; 20 Industrials 106.17; 15 Rails 50.09; 10 Utilities 40.59.

Closing quotations:
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American Can 9 3/4

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Commercial Solvents 19 3/4

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Mott 70 3/4
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Homestead Mining 44 3/4
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Reynolds Tobacco 30 3/4
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Sears Roebuck 43 3/4
Shell Oil 37 3/4
Sibson Vacuum 10 3/4

Southern Pacific 40 3/4
Standard Brands 21 3/4
City of Calif. 65 3/4

Studebaker 28 3/4
Union Bag 28 3/4
Carbide 45 3/4

US Rubber 30 3/4
Steel 31 3/4
Lines 15 3/4

Westinghouse 31 3/4
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 75 3/4
Gen. Pub. Utilities 16 3/4

Rail bonds again advanced. Among gainers were Illinois Zinc, Humble Oil and Cities Service—Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

M.V. "CLYTONUS"

Damaged cargo on this vessel will be surveyed at 10 a.m. on December 15, 1949, at the Hong Kong Wharf. Claims must be presented to the undersigned within four days of the survey, or they will not be recognized.

No fire insurance will be effected.

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Mr. Gordon Clapp, head of the United Nations Mission surveying Middle East economy, has announced that \$50,000,000 should be spent on demonstration "pilot projects" for irrigation in Arab Palestine and neighbouring Arab countries.

He told a Press conference here today that these projects would fit into longer-term irrigation schemes.

The Mission is putting the final touches on its report to the Palestine Conciliation Commission after three months' tour to investigate ways and means of settling the 650,000 Palestine refugees still needing relief.

The report, which deals with land and water resources in the Arab countries, is due to be presented in Paris on December 19.

Mr. Clapp said that the report contained a list of recommendations for Arab countries in need of technical and financial assistance to develop their water resources.

He listed the \$5,000 pilot demonstration scheme for Wadi Zerka, East of the Jordan River, as one of nine such projects. The River Jordan area and its tributaries which could be developed into a single unit for the maximum benefit.

The scheme provided for the construction of a dam to stop excess water during the winter months for irrigation in the dry season.

The idea was, he said, that because of the water resources in the suggested Jordan Valley Authority, were tackled they might have succeeded with small projects.

The Obstacles

He emphasized: "The pilot projects will be small enough to fall within the competence of the Governments concerned and large enough to provide an opportunity for experience in training personnel and to demonstrate the practical feasibility and usefulness of the larger schemes."

He listed the obstacles to such projects as lack of engineering surveys, inadequacy of technically trained personnel, difficulty in raising capital locally, and even then there may be some political questions involved.

"The Mission," he added, "hopes that when these projects are completed they will have an appreciable effect on the economy of each country concerned."

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Hong Kong Stock Exchange

States were much the same yesterday (Tue) Monday, but little doing locally. Shanghai Stocks and Yangtze Finance have come into favour at advancing prices.

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Bank of East Asia 100b.

Canton 100b.
Union 100b.
China Underwriters 5 1/2b.

H.K. Fire Ins. 100b.
Shanghai 100b.
H.K. & S. Bank 151 1/2b.

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AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES

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"President Wilson"	Arr. Dec. 17	Sails Dec. 18
"General Gordon"	Arr. Dec. 23	Sails Dec. 24
"President Cleveland"	Arr. Jan. 13	Sails Jan. 14

TO SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES via JAPAN

"President Taft"	Arr. Dec. 15	Sails Dec. 16
"President Madison"	Arr. Dec. 30	Sails Dec. 31

TO NEW YORK, BALTIMORE & BOSTON via PACIFIC COAST & PANAMA

"President Fillmore"	Arr. Dec. 28	Sails Dec. 29
"President Tyler"	Arr. Jan. 24	Sails Jan. 25

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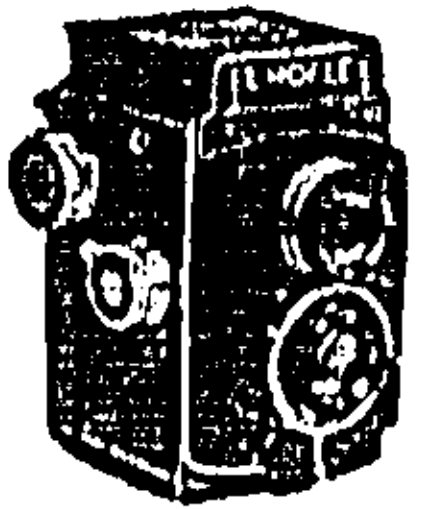
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Sports Pause



'Timed Start' Used For Third Cruiser Championship Race

(By "MAINSHEET BLOCK")

The "Timed Start" was used for the Third Cruiser Championship Race on Sunday last and made the Race very much more interesting.

It was possible to use the "Timed Start" on Sunday because there was only a difference of one inch between high and low water on that day, but we feel that the "Time Start" should be repeated whenever tides are favourable.

The first boat, Klatawa, and in Sulphur Channel we met crossed the line at 8 a.m. and the last, Orion, at 9.18 a.m. with the remainder at intervals between.

Conditions at the start were a moderate North Easterly breeze and a flood tide, which made almost every yacht chug of the line, crossing anything up to three or four minutes after the gun.

Orion's Report

Going down the harbour Orion with spinnaker set was logging about five knots, the only yacht in view being La Cigale, also with a spinnaker of rather small dimensions.

Off Kennedy Town, Orion and Cigale, on going through Sulphur Channel, found that they had caught up with a number of yachts headed to the West of Mount Davis. These were Jadalink, Dan, Muya and Diana.

Cigale took her usual course right under the lee of Mount Davis, where the winds were light, but she was able to point higher and was therefore well to the west and on her way down Lamna Channel.

Orion continued down the middle of Lamna Channel in pursuit of Jadalink and her companions who by this time had picked up the true wind from the North-East.

Bergs, at the tiller of Jadalink, was having a luffing match with Diana.

By now all the yachts were in view, with Nona well ahead of the South West point of Lamna, followed closely by Ariki, Klatawa and Trefala.

At 10.05 Orion passed Ariki just before clearing the South West point of Lamna. Nona, whose owner was sailing her very well, was by this time completely out of sight to the South of Lamna, where there was a fair steady breeze which made sailing very pleasant. We in the Scratch boat passed Nona at 12.05 off the West shore of Lamna.

The wind from here to Sulphur Channel was gusty and irregular.

HKFA COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at the Association's office on Tuesday, December 20, at 5.15 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Confirm minutes of meeting No. 5.
2. Adopt Minutes of League Management meeting No. 5.
3. Adopt Minutes of Inter-Sub-Committee meetings No. 2 and 3.
4. Accounts.
5. Arrangement for Governor's Cup match on January 2.
6. Draw of 2nd round Challenge Shield, January 7 and January 8.
7. Correspondence.
8. Any other business.

It was clear that no other yacht would overtake us before the finish.

Launch Time Table

Launches will now run as follows:
Saturday: From Queen's Pier 13.05. From Kowloon 13.00 and 14.30. From Kelle Island 13.30.
Sunday: From Kowloon 9.45, 12.00, 14.15. From Kelle Island 13.30.

The last race of the Autumn Series for Dinghy, Star and Redwing will be sailed next week-end. Dinghies at 14.10 on Saturday and 13.10 on Sunday. Stars at 14.00 and 13.00 and 15.15 on Sunday. The Team Race on Sunday at 10.30 will be between residents and sailors.

Last week's results are—
Wednesday, December 7
Reserve Dinghy Race: 1st Labyrinth (14.14), 2nd French (7), 3rd Labyrinth (14.14), 4th French (7), 5th Labyrinth (14.14), 6th French (7).

Friday, December 9
27th Dinghy Race: 1st Labyrinth (14.14), 2nd French (7), 3rd Labyrinth (14.14), 4th French (7), 5th Labyrinth (14.14), 6th French (7).

Saturday, December 10
7th Dragon Race: 1st Labyrinth (14.14), 2nd French (7), 3rd Labyrinth (14.14), 4th French (7), 5th Labyrinth (14.14), 6th French (7).

8th Dragon Race: 1st Labyrinth (14.14), 2nd French (7), 3rd Labyrinth (14.14), 4th French (7), 5th Labyrinth (14.14), 6th French (7).

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This Is The Way To The Stars

(By BILLY STEEL)

What makes one soccer player a star and another just a good club man? How do the great reach the heights?

To help the many youngsters who ask how they can improve their play, I am going to take the stars of today and analyse their game.

Let us start with the outside-right, and look at those two idols of their country, Stanley Matthews of England and Willie Waddell of Scotland; so different in their styles.

Matthews, probably the most unorthodox winger in the game, would never have been the delightful artist that he is had there been any attempt to mould him into a normal winger.

Haas Jr. Wins US\$2,000 In Miami Open Golf Tourney

Miami, Florida, December 12.

Fredrick Haas, Jr., of New Orleans won the US\$2,000 top money of the \$10,000 Miami Open golf tournament today with a two-stroke victory over Bob Hamilton of Maryland.

It was a particularly sweet victory for the tall, good-natured Haas. He first came to prominence as a professional by placing second in the 1947 Miami Open. Today's win was only his second major victory.

Haas went in front of his chain-smoking rival with a birdie on the 500-yard 13th hole and clinched his victory with a par three on the 125-yard 18th hole.

Hamilton missed a seven-foot putt there, his fifth short of the day, to take a bogey four. The tournament pressure of five 18-hole rounds caught up with both golfers today.

The crowd of about 700 was treated to tense match play but not spectacular golf.

Haas' winning round was a one under par, 35, 34 (69), while Hamilton carded one over par, 36, 35 (71). Hamilton collected second prize of \$1,400.

Since the match meant \$600 more to the winner, Haas' round made each shot worth nearly \$9.

Both men knew it and painstakingly took four and a half hours to play the 18 holes.—United Press.

"THUMBS DOWN" ON SPITBALL PITCH

New York, December 12.

The American League turned "thumbs down" today on a proposal to legalize the outlawed spitball pitch but not until General Manager "Bil" Evans of the Detroit Tigers had vigorously protested the action.

Evans said the spitball was the best of the game in better balance, taking away some of the advantage now enjoyed by the hitters.

He also figured that it would help prolong the career of pitchers who could take up the pitch and learn to use it after their fast ball had gone.

The National League club owners today said they would be guided on whatever decision was made by the Baseball Rules Committee, which will report to the joint session of the Major Leagues on Wednesday.

Should the rules body of seven approve the use of the spitball again, the American League would have to take a new vote on the matter.—United Press.

Ortiz To Defend Title In London

London, December 12.

Manuel Ortiz, world bantamweight champion from El Centro, California, will defend his title in London on February 28, the British promoter Jack Solomons said today.

Solomons said he closed the deal by trans-Atlantic telephone with Ortiz early this morning. Ortiz was at his El Centro home.

The champion will meet the winner of Tuesday night's bout between Danny O'Sullivan of London and Ted Gardner of West Hartlepool, for the British bantamweight title.

Ortiz, who won three non-title fights in a recent European trip, last defended his crown against Dado Marino in Honolulu, on March 2.—Associated Press.

Draw Of Boats

Draw of boats is as follows:—
Dinghy 1st Heat: (1) Cookson, (2) Laidler, (3) D. Broad, (4) M. E. Cooper, (5) Gale, (6) Workman, (7) Howell, (8) Tremlett, (9) Price, (10) Edgell.

Dinghy 2nd Heat: (1) M. E. Cooper, (2) Gale, (3) Workman, (4) Howell, (5) Tremlett, (6) Price, (7) Edgell, (8) Cookson, (9) Laidler, (10) D. Broad.

Dinghy 3rd Heat: (1) D. Broad, (2) M. E. Cooper, (3) Gale, (4) Workman, (5) Howell, (6) Tremlett, (7) Price, (8) Edgell, (9) Cookson, (10) Laidler.

Dinghy 4th Heat: (1) M. E. Cooper, (2) Gale, (3) Workman, (4) Howell, (5) Tremlett, (6) Price, (7) Edgell, (8) Cookson, (9) Laidler, (10) D. Broad.

Dinghy 5th Heat: (1) D. Broad, (2) M. E. Cooper, (3) Gale, (4) Workman, (5) Howell, (6) Tremlett, (7) Price, (8) Edgell, (9) Cookson, (10) Laidler.

Dinghy 6th Heat: (1) M. E. Cooper, (2) Gale, (3) Workman, (4) Howell, (5) Tremlett, (6) Price, (7) Edgell, (8) Cookson, (9) Laidler, (10) D. Broad.

Dinghy 7th Heat: (1) D. Broad, (2) M. E. Cooper, (3) Gale, (4) Workman, (5) Howell, (6) Tremlett, (7) Price, (8) Edgell, (9) Cookson, (10) Laidler.

Dinghy 8th Heat: (1) M. E. Cooper, (2) Gale, (3) Workman, (4) Howell, (5) Tremlett, (6) Price, (7) Edgell, (8) Cookson, (9) Laidler, (10) D. Broad.

Dinghy 9th Heat: (1) D. Broad, (2) M. E. Cooper, (3) Gale, (4) Workman, (5) Howell, (6) Tremlett, (7) Price, (8) Edgell, (9) Cookson, (10) Laidler.

Victorious Rowing Team Returns To Hong Kong

The five members of Hong Kong's victorious rowing team returned to the Colony from Saigon yesterday.

The team won two competitions with the Club Nautique de Saigon last Sunday.

In the Pairs competition, Mr. J. Dick and Mr. N. Fowler won their race by five lengths.

Mr. Dick said that at the beginning of the contest, the French team left them behind because the Hong Kong team did not readily understand the Starter, who spoke in French.

In the Four competition, the Hong Kong team gained a lead from the start, and was never headed, members of the crew said.

They won by three lengths. Members of the crew said that their reception in Saigon was the most hospitable they had experienced, and that the High Commissioner in Indo-China, Mr. M. Leon Pignon, held a cocktail party in their honour and allowed them to make use of his private plane.

Other members of the crew are Mr. N. Harris, Mr. V. Den Aubres, and Mr. N. Marsh.

The Saigon rowing team is expected to visit Hong Kong this coming June.

West Zone Score 266 For Five

Poona December 12.
West Zone had scored 266 for five in their first innings by close of play on the third day of their four-day match against the Commonwealth touring cricket team here.

After batting for nearly two days, the tourists were dismissed yesterday for 611.

At last night's close, West Zone were 38 for two.

The overnight net out batsmen, M. Rege and P. Khambatta, added 118 runs in 205 minutes for the third wicket before Rege became Worrall's third successive victim when he stopped a straight one with his pads.

Rege played painstaking cricket, staying nearly five hours for his 76, which included four 4's.

Khambatta, who fell four runs later in Rege's leg trap, was more enterprising in hitting 75, including a six and five 4's.

It was in an attempt to score quickly after he had dug himself in that he lost his wicket, Smith bringing off a brilliant catch at short-fine leg to give Rege his only wicket of the match so far.

Smith, who was about the best of the Commonwealth bowlers, was rewarded with the wicket of L. Nimbalkar, who has been selected to play in the second Test.

After making a promising start, Nimbalkar fell to the leg trap of the left-handed batsman and was declared leg-before for 11.

The West Zone Captain, Hazare, and the former Test player, Kishenchand, came together for the sixth wicket and put on 32 runs in the last hour's play.

Kishenchand, who was especially severe on the three bowlers, hit seven 4's in his unbeaten 49, while Hazare, who was unbeaten with 25, played a natural, forceful game.

With the wicket giving them little resistance, the bowlers toiled all day, and it was only brilliant fielding which kept down the runs, especially in the last two hours.—Reuter.

FINNS OR SWISS TO MEET AN ENGLISH "B" XI

London, December 12.
Either Finland or Switzerland are likely to meet an England "B" team on Sheffield Wednesday's ground on January 18 next year, according to an announcement by the English Football Association after a Council meeting here today.

It was hoped that Denmark would send a team for the match on January 18, but they are unable to accept.

The match between an England "B" team and Holland on February 22 will be played at Newcastle. The matches will no doubt serve as a guide for the English selectors in choosing the team for the World Cup competition at Rio next June.—Reuter.

KCC SEEDED LAWN BOWLS WAPPINSHAW

A Seeded Lawn Bowls Wapminshaw will be played at the Club on Sunday, December 18, at 2.15 sharp. Members may invite playing guests to take part. The list is posted on the Club notice board.

Those interested are requested to confirm with the Bar Boy.

BADMINTON

KAP badminton club will play six to three in a men's doubles "C" division against the Kowloon Tennis Club last night.

Draw For Third Round Of F.A. Cup

London, December 12.
The draw for the Third Round proper of the Football Association Cup matches, which will be played on January 7, was made today as follows:

Bury v. Rotherham; Cardiff v. West Bromwich Albion; Exeter v. Nuneaton, Northampton v. Southampton; Stockport v. Barnsley; Blackpool v. Wrexham or Southend; Swansea v. Birmingham; Southport v. Hull; Coventry v. Bolton Wanderers; Stoke v. Tottenham Hotspur; Blackburn v. Liverpool; Sunderland v. Huddersfield; Manchester City v. Derby County; Plymouth v. Wolverhampton Wanderers; Manchester United v. Weymouth; Newport or Gateshead v. Port Vale; Notts County v. Burnley; Reading v. Doncaster; Queens Park Rangers v. Luton; Brentford v. Chelsea; Chatterfield v. Yeovil; Watford v. Preston North End; Sheffield United v. Leicester; Carlisle v. Leeds United; Bradford v. Bournemouth; Arsenal v. Sheffield Wednesday; Crewe or Oldham v. Newcastle; Westham v. Cheltenham or Ipswich; Charlton v. Fulham; Luton v. Grimsby; Portsmouth v. Hartlepool or Norwich; Aston Villa v. Middlesbrough.

In the event of a draw after 90 minutes, matches will be re-played on or before Saturday, January 14.—Reuter.

CLUB RUGGER XV

The following have been selected to represent the Club XV in a rugby match against the Lgt. A. Regt. R. A. at 5.00 p.m. today at the Club ground:

D. Stuart, A. Stewart, V. Roberts, P. Francis, I. Gauntlett, D. T. Nolan, D. C. Lachlan, B. T. Johnson, C. Popham, K. Baker, W. Howard, J. Cowley, A. J. Bowden, A. Taylor and M. S. Douglas.

Baseball Time Limit Restrictions Removed

New York, December 12.
The National League today removed time limit restrictions on both day and night games to eliminate to a large extent the possibility of contests ending in a tie. The American League, however, voted down the change.

The National League voted that lights could be turned on at any time during the season for afternoon games threatened by darkness or poor visibility due to weather or smog conditions.

It also lifted the current existing curfew on night games which had prevented any inning starting after 12.50 a.m. in the city where the game was being played.

Further expanding the hours in which ball games could be played, the League voted to restore the old twilight-night double header of World War II days and elaborated on the point by stating that clubs can start games at any hour as long as they remain on the ordinances of their state or city.

Thus it would be within the realm of possibility for a second game of a double-header started around 7 p.m. in summer twilight to linger on until close to daylight if it went into extra innings.

The American League also restored its old wartime suspended game rule which also was in effect during the war. It provided that any game which was not completed because of a local curfew or because of a time agreement so that the teams could make train schedules, be resumed at the next meeting of the clubs from the point of termination.

The American League, which also considered the recommendation of Commissioner A. B. Chandler for turning on lights to complete afternoon games threatened by darkness, was far more conservative.

Its club owners voted simply to have the League President, William Harrison, authorize the turning on of the lights to complete games threatened by darkness during the last series of the season between the competing teams in that particular town.

In all other cases the lights for afternoon games will not be permitted.—United Press.

STANLEY PRISON OC BILLIARDS

Mr. T. M. Pile beat Dr. G. I. Shaw 600-425 to win the Stanley Prison Officers' Club billiards championship last night.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Twelfth Race Meeting
Saturday — 17th December, 1949.

There are eight races, the First Race will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (8 Races—£10) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race, as well as Special Cash Sweep on the "Peace Memorial Cup" (over 50,000 tickets sold to date), to be run at the Annual Race Meeting in January, 1950. Cash Sweep tickets on the last race and those for the "Peace Memorial Cup" may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.
Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10, including tax, are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all debts, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.
The Treasurer's Comptroller's Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818). NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS' TIO TAG MEN ETC. WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING. MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSSES
Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the members' Enclosure, except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER
S. A. SLAY,
Secretary.

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